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This publication is valuable Biographical Source Book and as such indispensable for every library. Students and researchers of Political Science, Public Administration and History will find this work very useful reference tool for their present and future use. It shall also be consulted extensively by those preparing for various competitions. Because of the nature of its contents, this tool shall be used by everybody intellectuals and common people.

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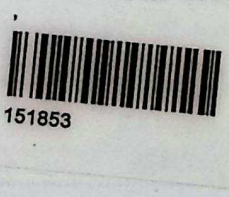

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Preface

With immense pleasure we place in the hands of our readers and scholars the sixth annual volume of the ***Indians in News,*** covering events of 2006.

The evolution of human society from agrarian to information society is the story of men and women struggling to make their life more secure and better. This struggle to bring about changes shall never end, so also the occurence of new revolutions. It is important, therefore, that the activities of such persons as have contributed to such revolutions, are recorded systematically and faithfully so that the coming generations learn from their experiences and draw due benefit for the good of society. The effort shall have to be global, each nation cooperating and contributing its share.

Of all the resources of a nation, human resource is the most important. To learn about the leaders, the persons who make news and those who are in news, will tell about a country as the history itself. Since men and matters are inseparable, people are also interested to have the background information on the social milieu, the social motives and the social pressures on the individuals who created news or were in news.

The ***Indians in News***, which is an annual publication, was concieved as a source of information on those men and women of India who created news or were in news for certain reasons during the year. It also includes those who are of Indian origin but are living and operating in foreign lands and are in news.

A biographical dictionary is an important source of information. It tells about the important persons whose contributions to the society—positive or negative—have been significant. Since persons are connected with matters, everybody uses a biographical dictionary, to know about men and matters. A conventional biographical dictionary, however, suffers on two counts. One is that it is always out of date—the information that was correct at the time of its compilation, in many cases, has changed and is no more accurate now. Second is that a good number of persons included in it are no more relevant as they have now ceased to be active to create news, or to be in the news. There has always been a need of a current biographical tool.

A majority of seekers of information are interested only in those who are active and kicking—the persons who are the cause of happenings and are participating in matters that are significant. But the society is dynamic and things

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are changing fast. Men and matters do share this phenomenon. Persons who were unknown yesterday have come to limelight today. Some create history, others cause controversies, win honours, commit frauds, get accused, change places, get promoted, serve the society, kill or get killed or simply pass away. These or many other things are happening to one or another person at this or that moment. Information seekers wants to know the latest. The ***Indians in News*** serves this purpose because it is a biographical database of those Indians who are currently in the news and are relevant to the present times.

The Indians in News includes persons reported or discussed in such newspapers or journals as the *Tribune, Times of India, Indian Express, Hindustan Times, India Today, Outlook, The Week, Competition Success Review,* etc. Alongwith the write-ups proper references have been given to connect the information about the person with its original source and also to guide the users to it, if they so wish. In a way this work may very well serve as an annotated index to the above newspapers and journals and promote their use further. Though every matter is connected with one or another person, only such persons have been selected for inclusion in this work, whose role was significant and not of a routine nature. Another consideration was that the news with which an individual is connected should be of a lasting value.

The Indians in News, 2007 consists of two parts. Part I consists of records of ***persons in news***, arranged systematically in an alphabetical order by their surnames. The persons who do not use their surnames are entered under their personal names. Under the name of the person is given the summary of the events because of which the person is in news. A brief biographical note is also added where warranted. The source of information is given so that the newspaper or journal reporting the news is easily accessed by the researchers. To keep up the authenticity of the information even the text of the original, in some cases, has been retained. This has been done to benefit the researchers in such subjects as history and political science. The following examples taken from Parts I and II of this work shall make the presentation more clear:

Modi, Narendra

The Left parties on March 4 demanded the resignation of Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi after the Godhra panel's final report said the fire in the Sabarmati express was "accidental".

– Left parties demand Modi's resignation. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 2.

After taking blessings of several religious leaders, Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on April 16 began his 51-hour hunger strike in protest against the Centre's stand on the Sardar Sarovar Dam height issue.

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– Modi begins fast; Medha Patkars effigy burnt. *Tribune.* April 17, 2006:2.

Welcoming the Supreme Court's observations that work on raising the height of Sardar Sarovar dam on the Narmada river should continue, Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on April 17 called off his 51-hour fast after observing it for 29 hours in Ahmedabad on April 17 evening, saying his objective of focussing on the public issue has been achieved.

– Modi breaks fast. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 2.

BJP chief Rajnath Singh's effort to put his party back on the Hindutava path notwithstanding, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) is of the view that Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi is a "more trustworthy" candidate to head the saffron outfit.

– VHP prefers Modi to head BJP. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 2.

The Shankracharya of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Jayendra Saraswati, conferred the ninth 'Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership' on Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi for what he terms as his "dedicated contribution in influencing and uplifting society" at a function organised by the South Indian Education Society (SIES) at the Shanmukhananda hall in Mumbai.

– Leadership award for Modi. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 2.

Chief Minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi was in news five times during 2006. On March 04 the Left Parties demanded his resignation after the Godhra Panel's final report said that the fire in Sabarmati Express was accidental. On April 16, he began his 51-hour hunger strike on Sardar Sarovar Dam height issue. On April 17 Modi called off his fast in view of SC observation on the dam. On October 20 it was reported that VHP had preferred Modi to head the BJP. On December 11, it was reported that the Shankracharya had conferred the ninth Award for Public Leadership on Modi.

Part II of the *Indians in News-2007* consists of two indexes – **Chronological Index** and **Broad Subject Index**. These indexes have been added to facilitate the use of Part I and access the desired person in news discussed or described there. These Indexes provide access to Narendra Modi as follows:

Chronological Index

March

05 **Devinder Singh.** Permission to prosecute him refused.
Modi, Narendra. Left parties demand his resignation.
Prasanna Kumar, G. Appointed as CEO of Haryana's Mewat Dev Agency.

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April

17 **Modi, Narendra.** Begins fast; Medha Patkars effigy burnt.
Yadav, Neera. Charges dropped against her.

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18 **Kurien, V. (Dr).** Appointed as first Chancellor of Allahabad varsity.
Modi, Narendra. Breaks fast.
Murmu, Salkhan. Adivasi leader begins fast.

xxxx

October

20 **Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh.** Accused of fraud.
Modi, Narendra. VHP prefers Modi to head BJP.

xxxx

December

11 **Mirza, Sania.** Breezes into last eight.
Modi, Narendra. Leadership award for Modi.
Williams, Sunita (Suni). After Kalpana, she soars into space.

The **Chronological Index** indicates the date on which the event occured or reported. In the example cited above, during 2006 Narendra Modi was in news on March 05, April 17 and 18, October 20 and December 11. This Index briefly gives the event reported on each date.

Broad Subject Index

ACHIEVED. HONOURED. WON

Social. Political

December

11 **Modi, Narendra.** Leadership award for Modi.
17 **Hooda, Deepender Singh.** Honoured for doing bounden duty as Rohtak M.P.
25 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Honorary degree for him.

xxxx

COMPLAINS. CHALLENGES

March

05 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Banerjee panel used as tool: BJP.
Modi, Narendra. Left parties demand his resignation.
Ratna. 'Punished' for spilling beans, says Ratna.

xxxx

March

17 **Modi, Narendra.** Begins fast; Medha Patkars effigy burnt.
19 **Katiyar, Vinay.** BJP to field him against Sonia.

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JUSTIFIES. ADVISES

April

18 **Modi, Narendra.** Breaks fast.
Murmu, Salkhan. Adivasi leader begins fast.

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MISCELLANEOUS

October

20 **Modi, Narendra.** VHP prefers Modi to head BJP.
Thekedar, Jaswant Singh. Thekedar admits visiting India.

In the **Broad Subject Index**, under the heading **Achieved. Honoured. Won,** Narendra Modi appears against December 11. Under the heading **Complains. Challenges** his name appears against March 05 and 17. And under the heading **Justifies. Advises** his name appears against April 18. And under the heading **Miscellaneous** his name appears against October 20.

This publication is a valuable **Biographical Source Book** and as such indispensable for every library. It will update the existing sources of biographical information available in the libraries. Besides the librarians, the students and researchers of Political Science, Public Administration and History will find this work very useful reference tool for their present and future use. It shall also be consulted extensively by those preparing for various competitions. Because of the nature of its contents, this tool shall be used by everybody—intellectuals and the common people.

In a work like this there can be some omissions and inconsistencies. For instance, the date of occurrence of an event and its reporting may differ and also the rendering of Indian names into English. We shall be grateful to our readers if they point these out. Any suggestion towards the improvement of this work shall be gratefully acknowledged.

Ludhiana **Editors**
July 23, 2007

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1. The Hindu
2. The Times of India
3. The Tribune
4. The Hindustan Times
5. The Indian Express
6. India Today
7. The Outlook
8. The Week

We acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the help we have drawn from the above newspapers and journals. The main source of information, however, was the *Tribune*. Proper bibliographical references have been added to acknowledge this help and to connect the description of the person in this work with the source where it has been taken from so that the readers of this work may go to the original source to have the complete information or to check the facts for themselves, if they so desire.

In a way this work may serve as an annotated index to the biographical contents of these sources and may motivate many users to be the regular readers of the newspapers and journals referred to above,

The papers and journals are valuable source material for the scholars and researchers of social sciences, particularly those of Sociology, Political Science and History. For their benefit the original text has been retained in some cases so that they may use or quote the same in their research work, with a reference to the original source. Since the raw information on which the contents of this work are based has been drawn from the above sources, the compliers once again place on record the sense of gratitude they owe to the Managements and Editors of the above Newspapers and Journals.

In a work like the present one, many people contribute to complete the task. There are a number of them whose assistance and support demand recognition.

Important among them are those journalists who covered the events, sought

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facts from the persons themselves or located and retrieved the relevant information from the record in their archives about them and presented it to the public through the newspapers or journals they were working for. Without their sustained efforts such publication as the present one would not have been possible. We are grateful to them. There are many others like them and we may not be in a position to name them individually, we nevertheless thank them.

This work is respectfully dedicated to the Known and Unknown Journalists, who have toiled to hunt and present the Indians in news during 2006; and the men and women of scholarship, who appreciated our efforts and encouraged us to continue this project.

We are grateful to respected Rajendra Kumar Jain for his blessings. His life long association with the Indian book trade and his contribution to buildup the collections of many libraries through Today & Tomorrows is well-known. He has been motivating us to continue with this project because, he feels, it is useful for the society, particularly the students and researchers of such subjects as Sociology, Political Science and History; thus reassuring our belief. Dr Devinder Kaur, University Librarian and Prof. (Dr) Jagtar Singh, Head Dept LIS, both of Punjabi University were a constant source of help and encouragement in our intellectual endeavours. We express our sense of gratitude to them. Our friend M.L. Saini, former Librarian of Delhi University and our Rai Sahib, Jaswant Mittal of D.K. Agencies, a leading light of the Indian book trade, also deserve our sincere thanks for their continued kindness and help.

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PART I

Indians in News

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A

Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr)

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on January 25 exhorted all political parties to perform in an environment of developmental politics by competing with each other and putting forth their focussed developmental vision through their manifestoes. Emphasising that the people are sovereign and the power flows from them, Dr Kalam stressed that people have a right to live in developed India and therefore "we need to orient ourselves towards developmental politics."

– Be role models for youth. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 1.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is leaving on January 31 on a 10-day visit to Singapore, Philipines and South Korea, the last destination, interestingly, being the first time on Indian President's itinerary.

– Kalam leaves on 3-nation tour today. *Tribune.* January 31, 2006: 20.

Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on June 8 became the first President to make a sortie in a supersonic fighter jet, fulfilling a childhood dream, when he made a flight in a Su-30MKI multirole combat aircraft from an airbase in Pune.

– Kalam makes historic sortie in fighter jet. *Tribune.* June 09, 2006: 1.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam celebrated his 75th birthday on October 15 with spastic children in Bangalore as well as with villagers and children of a remote tribal village in the State.

– Kalam celebrates 75th b'day with spastic kids. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 2.

Abdullah, Farooq (Dr)

Attorney General Milon Banerjee has rejected a plea for filing of a contempt petition against former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah for his recent interview to a TV channel, in which he said if Parliament attack case convict Mohammad Afzal Guru was hanged, some ultras might murder the judges convicting him.

– AG declines contempt petition against Abdullah. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 20.

Abdullah, Omar

National Conference President Omar Abdullah is likely to meet President Pervez Musharraf during his four-day stay in Pakistan. Omar's father, Farooq

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Abdullah, had been vocal as Chief Minister in criticising Pakistan for the cross-border militancy in the State. Omar says the NC stand on various issues, including violence and autonomy, is clear and known.

– Omar to visit Pakistan. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 13.

Abhiyankar, Sanjeev

The foremost disciple of Pandit Jasraj, Sanjeev Abhiyankar won prestigious President's AIR Award, coveted National Award 1998 as best male playback singer for Hindi film 'Godmother' besides 'Sur Ratna' and Krishanrao Gold Medal. Credited with 50 classical music albums the globe-trotting young maestro is an inspiration and role model for the younger generation.

– A vocalist of international eminence. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006: 3.

Abraham, John

Model-turned-actor John Abraham suffered minor injuries in a motorbike accident on April 8 night. He has been admitted to the Leelawati Hospital in Mumbai.

– John Abraham hurt in mishap. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 15.

Abu Salem

Extradited gangster Abu Salem and his alleged aide Shah Alam on February 15 retracted their confession given to police in the case relating to murder of Ajit Dewani, former secretary to actor Manisha Koirala, saying they had made it under duress.

– Abu Salem, Alam retract confession. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 22.

Gangster Abu Salem has revealed details of how he transported assault rifles and weapons in the days before the 1993 serial bomb blasts that rocked Mumbai. The confessional statement made by Salem before the CBI was opened on March 1. Salem told investigators that he had delivered two or three AK-56 rifles and ammunition to Sanjay Dutt.

– I gave AK-56 rifles to Dutt, admits Salem. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 1.

The police on April 15 chargesheeted extradited gangster Abu Salem and co-accused Shah Alam for their alleged complicity in the murder of Ajit Dewani, former secretary to actress Manisha Koirala.

– Dewani murder: Abu Salem chargesheeted. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 2.

Dreaded don Abu Salem keen to contest the Assembly poll in Uttar Pradesh, has started his campaign with posters in his home constituency of Mubarakpur in Azamgarh district.

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– Abu Salem starts campaing for UP Assembly poll. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 22.

Acharya, Damodar (Prof)

Prof Damodar Acharya, Chairman, All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi would address the campus Convocation of Science, Engineering and Technology, Physical Planning and Architecture faculties of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on March 18.

– AICTE chief to address convocation. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 5.

"If India is to transform itself into a 'knowledge socity' by 2020 and into a 'creative society' in the next two decades, the higher education system, particularly at the university level, needs to be radically transformed", said Prof. Damodar Acharya.

– Transform higher education: AICTE chief. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 8.

Achuthanandan, V.S.

Veteran Communist V.S. Achuthanandan (82) will be the next CM of Kerala, the CPM said.

– Achuthanandan to be Kerala CM. *Tribune.* May 16, 2006: 1.

Adarsh Kishore

Mr Adarsh Kishore is the new Finance Secretary, an official announcement said in New Delhi on January 10. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Mr Adarsh Kishore, IAS (1969 batch, Rajasthan Cadre), presently Secretary (Expenditure) in the Ministry of Finance, as Finance Secretary and Secretary (Expenditure) with immediate effect," an official press note said.

– Adarsh Kishore is Finance Secy. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 17.

Adhikary, Bhaskar

Twenty year-old Bhaskar Adhikary, who played a stellar role under the bar in the tournament, was admitted a few days ago to the SSKM Hospital following complaints of acute stomach pain.

– 'Negligence' causes death of footballer. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006: 19.

Aditya Vikas

Eighth seed Aditya Vikas of India emerged as the surprise leader in the boys under-14 winning both his fifth and sixth round games in the Asian Youth Chess championships in Tehran on June 28. Vikas defeated P. Amirreza in the fifth round and followed it up with a win against second seed S. Nitin

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to take his tally to five points, half a point ahead of B. Adhiban, S. Nitin (both India) and Mars Ulu Dan of Kyrgyzstan.

– Aditya emerges surprise leader. *Tribune.* June 29, 2006: 21.

Advani, Lal Krishna

Mr Lal Krishna Advani on December 31 formally quit as the President of the Bhartiya Janata Party. At a press conference in Mumbai marking the end of the Party's silver jubilee celebrations, Mr Advani said he was handing over the reins of the Party to Rajnath Singh.

– Advani quits, it's over to Gen Next. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006:1.

Former BJP President L. K. Advani has "no regrets" for his statement on Mohammad Ali Jinnah in Pakistan and feels that his Party missed a golden opportunity.

– No regrets on remark on Jinnah: Advani. *Tribune.* January 07, 2006:24.

Businessman Abhishek Verma has filed a criminal case of defamation and forgery against senior BJP leader L.K. Advani in a Gurgaon court for naming him as a beneficiary in the Scorpene Submarine deal.

– Suit against Advani. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 1.

In apparent signs of patchup between the RSS and senior BJP leader L.K. Advani, who resigned as Party chief, after his Jinnah remarks had angered the Sangh, former Deputy Prime Minister appeared in a Sangh film on its core ideology of Hindutva and askhand Bharat. In the film, Advani, who resigned as BJP President seven months ago, calls the Sangh India's largest nation-building movement in the 20th century.

– Advani features in RSS film on Hindutva. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006:2.

Advani, Pankaj

Pankaj Advani will not defend his title at the fifth Asian Billiards Championship beginning in Tehran on 14 May. Advani, who is also the World Billiards champion, is busy preparing for his final year B.Com examinations, Billiards and Snooker Federation of India Secretary, R.R. Tandon told PTI in New Delhi on May 11.

– Pankaj Advani. *Tribune.* May 12, 2006: 20.

Advani, who appeared to be in high spirits after learning about the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award being conferred on him, exhibited his excitement on the green baize as he routed Chris Dagnall 67-0, 82-7, 100-36 to consolidate the lead to 2-0.

– Pankaj Advani guides India A to victory. *Tribune.* August 19, 2006: 22.

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Pankaj Advani, who has created ripples with his achievements on the green baize, was on August 23 named for the country's highest sporting honour — the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna for the year 2005. The 20-year-old Commerce student in a Bangalore college created history by winning the world Billiards title at Qawra, Malta, to become only the second cueist to bag the coveted honour after Geet Sethi in 1992.

– Advani bags coveted Khel Ratna. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006: 20.

The President presented the Khel Ratna to cueist Pankaj Advani for winning the World Billiards title and the gold medal at the Asian Championships last year, at a glittering ceremony at the Darbar Hall in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

– Kalam confers Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards. *Tribune.* August 30, 2006:18.

Former world champion Pankaj Advani will spearhead the Indian challenge at the IBSF World Snooker Championships starting in Amman, Jordan, on November 4.

– Advani to lead. *Tribune.* November 02, 2006: 18.

Pankaj Advani, outscored compatriot Ashok Shandilya 3-1 as Indian cueists potted both the gold and silver medals in billiards at the 15th Asian Games in Doha on December 5.

– Advani pots gold. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 18.

Agarkar, Ajit

Medium pacer Ajit Agarkar was on October 27 ruled out of India's crucial Champions Trophy match against Australia after a fractured left thumb.

– Injured Agarkar ruled out. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 22.

Agarwal, Yogesh

The SBI on October 11 said Yogesh Agarwal has been appointed Managing Director on the Board of the Bank. Mr Agarwal has been appointed as the Managing Director on the Board with effect from October 10, 2006, till June 30, 2010.

– MD of SBI. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 19.

Aggarwal, V.K. (Dr)

The Haryana Governor and Chancellor of Kurukshetra University (KU), Dr A.R. Kidwai, has appointed Dr V.K. Aggarwal, Professor, Department of Law of the University, as Registrar.

– KU Registrar. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 7.

Aggrawal, C.L.

According to sources, the CVC has written to the Union Ministry of Power

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that the promotion of Mr C.L. Aggrawal, Deputy General Manager, to the rank of Additional General Manager, was not in order. He was one of the nine officers against whom action had been recommended by the CVC for advancing unjustified loans to construction companies and blocking recovery. The project was completed and companies packed off, but Rs 550 crore, including interest, was not recovered.

– Ering officer's promotion annoys CVC. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 9.

Ahamadi, A.M. (Chief Justice)

The UPA Government has approached former Chief Justice of India, Mr Justice A.M. Ahamadi to head a Working Group on strengthening relations between Jammu and Kashmir and the Centre. Justice Ahamadi's consent for the job is yet to come. He is currently out of the country.

– Ahamadi to chair panel on Kashmir-Centre ties. *Tribune.* June 05, 2006:1.

Justice A.M. Ahmadi will chair working group to deliberate on matters relating to the special status to the State within the Indian Union and methods of strengthening democracy, secularism and the rule of law.

– Ahmadi, Rasgotra to head J&K working panels. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006:1.

Ahamed, E.

The Bharatiya Janata Party on September 27 demanded the resignation of Minister of State for External Affairs, E. Ahamed, following an inquiry commission's report indicting activists of his party, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), for involvement in the killing of nine persons at Marad in Kerala in 2003.

– BJP seeks Ahamed's resignation. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006: 2.

Ahluwalia, Montek Singh

Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia on August 30 tried to play down differences with Finance Minister P. Chidambaram with regard to approach on keeping fiscal deficit in check, while mobilising resources for the 11th Five Year Plan.

– No conflict with FM, says Montek. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 17.

Ahluwalia, S.K.

The Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, on October 7 said that Mr S.K. Ahluwalia, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Patiala, had been transferred from that post as there were reports that he was indulging in politics. Mr Alhuwalia was posted as the Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, Punjab.

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– Alhuwalia transferred for indulging in politics: CM. *Sunday Tribune.* October 08, 2006: 4.

Ahmad, Sagir (Justice)

Justice Sagir Ahmad, a former judge of the Supreme Court, ha been appointed Chairman of the Kahsmir Working Group (KWG) on Centre-State relations. His appointment comes in place of Mr Ahamadi, a former Chief Justice of India, who had declined the offer.

– Justice Ahmad heads Kashmir Working Group. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 6.

Ahuja, Kirti

Kirti Ahuja of DAV Public School topped in the region securing 98.2 per cent marks while Rachit Gupta of Shri Ram Ashram Public School secured 97 per cent marks in aggregate in Class X examination.

– Kirti gets 98.2 pc in Class X. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 5.

Ajit Singh, Sant

Sant Ajit Singh Parivar Vichhora, a Sikh religious leader, has agreed to head the proposed confederation of rival Akali factions to challenge the Congress and the SAD (Badal) in Assembly elections, to be held in February next year, only if such leaders came on single platform.

– Ajit Singh's conditional consent to head confederation. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 4.

Ajnala, Rattan Singh

The Supreme Court on July 6 stayed the trial proceedings against Shiromani Akali Dal MP, Rattan Singh Ajnala, in a corruption case registered against him by the Punjab Government for the alleged misuse of official position as a Minister in the Badal Government and to possess assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

– SC stays trial in case against Ajnala. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006: 5.

Ajwinder Singh

At a meeting of the district unit of the NRI Sabha, Hoshiarpur, held at the Mini-Secretariat in Hoshiarpur on February 15, Mr Ajwinder Singh was unanimously re-elected president. Mr Lakhwinder Singh Lakhi was elected as vice-president.

– NRI Sabha chief re-elected. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 4.

Akbar, M.J.

M.J. Akbar, editor-in-chief of the *Asian Age* and *Deccan Chronicle*, has

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been named as the President of the Mohammedan Sporting Club. Mr Akbar will head a 20-member newly formed executive committee of the Club.

– Akbar is president. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 22.

Akbar Raj

The police on October 29 claimed to have cracked the case related to e-mail threats against the President and Prime Minister with the arrest of a man named Akbar Raj, who allegedly sent the messages from a cyber cafe in Kochi.

– Kochi e-mail threat case solved. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 2.

Akhil Kumar

Akhil Kumar landed India its second ever Commonwealth Games boxing gold while two other pugilists had to be satisfied with silver medals at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 25.

– Akhil lands boxing gold. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 22.

Akhtar, Javed

The Pakistan Government on June 23 denied visa to noted poet and film writer Javed Akhtar, who was to attend the premiere of K. Asif's "Mughal-e-Azam" in Karachi on June 24, leading to the postponement of the event, organisers of the event said.

– Pakistan denies visa to Javed Akhtar. *Tribune.* June 24, 2006: 1.

Noted poet and film writer Javed Akhtar, at the receiving end of a visa controversy wherein the Pakistani Government initially denied him permission to visit Karachi for 'Mughal-e-Azam' premiere but later cleared it, on June 24 said he would now go to Pakistan only if he received an official invitation from the neighbouring country. "Only if I receive an official invitation from the Pakistani Prime Minister or President Musharraf will I consider going to the neighbouring country," Javed Akhtar told UNI.

– I'll go on Pervez's invite: Javed Akhtar. *Sunday Tribune.* June 25, 2006:1.

Akula, Vikram

NRI Vikram Akula, founder of SKS Microfinance Private Limited, who used smart cards to make venture capital available to over 800 million people living on less than two dollars in India, figures in the list of 100 most influential people selected by the *Time magazine* as shapers of the world. Akula, 37, has made SKS one of the fastest-growing microlenders, having dispensed 52 million dollars to 221,000 clients since 1998.

– NRI among top 100 most influential people. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 9.

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Mr Vikram Akula, has been named the India's Social Entrepreneur of the Year. UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi presented the Award to Dr Akula during the World Economic Forum's India Economic Summit.

– Akula named Social Entrepreneur. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 17.

Mr Vikram Akula and Mr Sameer Sawarkar, founder of Neurosynaptic Communications Pvt. Ltd. are among the 10 South Asian origin persons who were awarded the 2006 Global Indus Technovators Awards by the Indian Business Club at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Mr Akula, has been felicitated for having provided over $33 million in loans and helping over 300,000 people in becoming economically self-reliant. Mr Sawarkar works in the areas of remote medical diagnostics and telemedicine, and has developed ReMeDiV solution for rural telemedicine.

– Two Indian entrepreneurs awarded. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 17.

Alam, Izhar

In the multi-crore wireless set scam in the Punjab Police, several IPS officers of the state police have been booked by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). An embezzlement of about Rs 5 crore in the purchase of wireless sets has been detected by the central agency during its investigations that focused on the purchases made during 2000 to 2003. In the PIL, the names Mr Izhar Alam, ADGP, alongwith other officers has been mentioned.

– Top cops booked for wireless sets scam. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006:1.

Alok Kumar

The Indian challenge in the IBSF World Snooker Championship came to an end when former Asian champion Alok Kumar suffered a defeat against Michael White in the semifinals at Pontin's, Wales.

– Alok loses. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 20.

Alphonso, Leelamma

In the women's section, Leelamma Alphonso of Railways, representing Maharashtra, clocked 3:11:22:47 to win the first prize of Rs 1 lakh. Second-placed Rina Das of Bengal and The Prashotleima Devi of Delhi, who took the third position, failed to match the pace of Leelamma.

– Leelamma wins marathon. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 21.

Amanjeet Kaur

Maharashtra and Mizoram girl wrestlers dominated the mat as they claimed three gold medals each in the first National Inter-School Games at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Stadium in Ferozepore on November 28. Punjab

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bagged two gold medals through Kiranjit Kaur and Amanjeet Kaur in the 34 kg and 44 kg categories, respectively.

– School games: Punjab bag two gold. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006:19.

Amanpreet Singh

Junior national record holder Amanpreet Singh, a trainee at Punjab Police Academy, Phillaur, scored a hard-fought victory over Vivek Singh to clinch gold in the 10 metre pistol (ISSF) for men in the Fourth Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters Shooting Championship being organised by the Central Reserve Police Force at the Punjab Armed Police Shooting Range in Jalandhar on April 11.

– Aman wins gold. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 18.

Amar Singh

Blaming Congress President Sonia Gandhi directly for the alleged tapping of the telephones of Samajwadi Party leaders, Mulayam Singh Yadav and Amar Singh, a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court by the latter for a judicial probe into the matter and prosecution of those found guilty.

– Amar Singh moves SC in phone tapping case. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006:1.

Samajwadi Party leader Amar Singh, has moved a fresh petition in the Supreme Court on the phone tapping issue by including four private operators, apart from Reliance Infocomm as parties, while persisting with the blame against Congress President Sonia Gandhi that his phone was allegedly tapped at her instance.

– Amar Singh moves SC against telephone tapping. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 20.

The poll panel issued notice to Mr Amar Singh on a petition seeking his disqualification from the Rajya Sabha on the ground that "he holds the post of Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Development Council", an office of profit. The SP leader has been asked to reply to the notice by March 31.

– Now, EC notice to Amar singh. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 1.

Samajwadi Party leader Amar Singh in his written submission before the Election Commission on the office of profit case contended that he did not drew any financial or other benefits as chairman of the UP Development Council (UPDC) to attract disqualification as an MP under office-of-profit rules for lawmarkers.

– OoP case: Amar Singh says he broke no rules. *Tribune.* June 17, 2006:24.

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Amarinder Singh (Capt)

The Shiromani Akali Dal President, Mr Parkash Singh Badal, has strongly condemned the Punjab Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, for issuing statements against the CBI for raiding houses of senior IAS officers of the Punjab Government in connection with a serious corruption case. "This action of the Chief Minister is totally illegal, unconstitutional and irresponsible," said Mr Badal in a statement released to the press in April Chandigarh on April 15.

– 'CM hampering probe'. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 4.

The Punjab Governor has referred the complaints about CM Capt Amarinder Singh and other 36 MLAs of holding office of profit to the Election Commission.

– Complaints against Amarinder, 36 MLAs referred to EC. *Tribune.* April 26, 2006: 1.

The Forest Department has served a show cause notice on Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's Dochi-based farm house located near Chail to explain how exotic pheasants had been kept in captivity. A team of forest officials who descended on the farm on September 2 evening inspected the livestock there.

– Exotic pheasants in captivity. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 9.

The State's wildlife authorities are awaiting a reply from Punjab CM, Amarinder Singh, in response to the notice issued by them regarding exotic species of birds at his Dochi farm near Chail, it has been reported there are only three species of Mongolian pheasants, including golden, silver and ring necked.

– Punjab CM's farms has 'only Mongolian pheasants'. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 9.

The Punjab CM, Capt Amarinder Singh, and PWD and Education Minister Pratap Singh Bajwa had a miraculous escape when the Pawan Hans helicopter in which they were travelling crashed while take off.

– Narrow escape for Punjab CM. *Tribune.* September 13, 2006: 1.

The BJP and Shiromani Akali Dal on September 16 petitioned the Police in Ludhiana to register an FIR against Punjab CM Amarinder Singh and some others for their alleged involvement in a real estate "scam".

– BJP, Akali Dal demand FIR against Amarinder. *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 5.

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Worse than the behaviour of the police in Ludhiana on Thursday has been the response of the Chief Minister, Captain Amarinder Singh. He was nonchalant when he squarely blamed the two dozen girl students for the police high-handedness. Nothing could have been more pleasing to the policemen whose pictures appeared in all the newspapers manhandling the girls than the well-done-boys kind of response they got from the Chief Minister himself.

– Poor Captaincy. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 12.

Ambani, Anil

Anil Ambani has taken over as the Chairman of the four companies which were handed over to his group by brother Mukesh Ambani on February 7. As per a statement put out by the Anil Ambani camp, he will be the new Chairman of Reliance Natural Resources Ltd, Reliance Energy Ventures Ltd, Reliance Capital Ventures Ltd and Reliance Communication Ventures Ltd.

– Chairman Anil Ambani to list firms by March. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 19.

In the midst of the office of profit controversy, noted industrialist Anil Ambani on March 25 resigned as member of Rajya Sabha in a move to pre-empt complaints against him for holding such offices. Tendering his resignation, Mr Ambani claimed that he wanted to "uphold the highest standards of transparency, propriety and ethics."

– Anil Ambani resigns from Rajya Sabha. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 1.

Mr Anil Dirubhai Ambani tops the list of India's business icons for the country's youth who find him flamboyant, high profile and closer to their age, while steel magnet L.N. Mittal is next on their mind with Mr Mukesh Ambani further back, an *India Today* opinion poll has said.

– Anil Ambani voted top business icon. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 21.

The Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) has moved into the group of corporates that boast of more than Rs 1,00,000- crore market capitalisation, making its Chairman, Mr Anil Ambani, the third richest Indian.

– Anil Ambani 3rd richest Indian. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 17.

According to the *Forbes magazine* special report on India's 40 richest, NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal has maintained his top place with a networth of $25 billion. The Ambani brothers who split their business empire last

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year, saw their fortune swell up this year with Mukesh's assets rising by $11.5 billion and Anil's net worth rose by $9.3 billion, grabbing the second and third places on the list, respectively.

– Mittal retains richest Indian tag. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 21.

Ambani, Mukesh

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has been nominated as Co-Chairman at the World Economic Forum (WEF) which is holding its annual summit at Davos, Switzerland from Jan. 25.

– Mukesh Ambani WEF co-chairman *Tribune.* January 23, 2006: 17.

A court in Riapur has issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Reliance Industries Ltd Chairman Mukesh Ambani and a company employee in a case of forgery related to a Reliance mobile holder's complaint of being charged excess billing.

– Arrest warrant against Mukesh Ambani. *Tribune.* January 25, 2006: 12.

The renewed rift between Ambani brothers widened on February 5 with younger sibling Anil accusing Mukesh and his group of acting in an "arbitrary, non-transparent and unfair manner" in implementing an agreement reached between them eight months ago to carve up the Rs 1,00,000 crore Reliance empire.

– ADAE fires salvo at Mukesh. *Tribune.* February 06, 2006: 1.

The *Newsweek* magazine's international edition has devoted a full length cover story on Mr Mukesh Ambani, describing him as India's most influential businessman and the one who thinks bigger than the rest.

– Mukesh Ambani — India's 'most influential' tycoon. *Tribune.* July 11, 2006: 17.

In a double-treat of sorts, Reliance Industries emergence as India's most valued firm has also catapulted its Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani right on to the top of the country's richest list.

– Mukesh Ambani topples Premji as India's richest person. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 1.

According to the *Forbes magazine* special report on India's 40 richest, NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal has maintained his top place with a networth of $25 billion. With Mukesh's assets rising by $11.5 billion and Anil's net worth rose by $9.3 billion, grabbing the second and third places on the list, respectively.

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Ambareesh, Malavallii Hutche Gowda

Karnataka's actor-turned politician Malavallii Hutche Gowda Ambareesh, sworn in as Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, is a film star first and politician later. His first pronouncement as he stepped into the I&B Ministry was voicing opposition to ban smoking in films as proposed by the Union Health Ministry.

– New role for Ambareesh. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 13.

Amolak Singh

Renowned artist, Amolak Singh (56) who worked for 14 years as Curator of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) and renovated the Central Sikh Museum in the Harmandar Sahib complex after Operation Blue Star, died in sleep at Batala, 40 km from Amritsar. He had worked as an artist from 1970 to 1974 in the Bollywood.

– Artist Amolak Singh dies in sleep. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 14.

Amrik Singh

Amrik Singh won a gold medal in the 5000-metre event at the 26th Punjab (Indo-Pak-UK) Master Athletics Championship held in Amritsar on March 11 and 12.

– *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 23.

Amrik Singh (Dr)

The University Grants Commission has bestowed the Outstanding Educationist award on Dr Amrik Singh for 2005. He will be given a cash award of Rs 50,000 along with a plaque.

– Top award for Dr Amrik Singh. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006: 4.

Amrik Singh, Baba

In a shocking but unprecedented case in the history of 'kar seva', Amrik Singh of Dera Baba Jagtar Singh on July 8 went underground after allegedly embezzling donations worth crores, in Tarn Taran on July 8.

– Baba of kar seva flees after embezzling donations worth crores. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 1.

On the complaint of Baba Mohinder Singh, treasurer of the 'dera', a case under Sections 420 and 406 of the Indian Penal Code has been registered by the city police station, Tanr Taran against Amrik Singh and his two relatives.

– Baba charges dera chief with 'inflicting mental torture'. *Tribune.* July 10, 2006: 4.

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court on September 25 dismissed the plea of the absconding Baba of Kar Seva Wale, Amrik Singh, for grant of pre-arrest bail.

– Bail plea of Baba Amrik dismissed. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 3.

The Supreme Court rejected plea for interim bail of Baba Amrik Singh.

– SC rejects Baba Amrik Singh's bail plea. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006:4.

Amrit Kaur

Mr Balwant Singh Nandgarh, Jathedar of Takht Damdama Sahib, honoured Bibi Amrit Kaur, a daughter of late Beant Singh, an assassin of Indira Gandhi, by presenting her with a "Siropa" (robe of honour) at a function organised by Dal Khalsa in Jalandhar on October 31. Jathedar Nandgarh equated the "sacrifice" of Beant Singh with those martyrs who had restored the honour of the Sikhs.

– Nandgarh honours Bibi Amrit Kaur. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 4.

Amrit Singh

The Wall Street Journal in an article in February 21's issue notes how a "prominent Bush critic", the Indian Prime Minister's daughter Amrit Singh, is at the heeds of the administration, blaming it for alleged systemic abuse of prisoners in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanmo Bay, while her father is strengthening ties with it.

– Manmohan's daughter fighting for Iraqi prisoners. *Tribune.* February 23, 2006: 9.

Amrita Pritam

Guru Nanak Dev University has decided to establish Amrita Pritam Museum to preserve her belongings, library books, manuscripts, rare books, photographs and paintings. It also decided to bestow life fellowship on noted painter, Imroz for his contribution to Punjabi literature and art.

– Varsity to establish Amrita Pritam Museum. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 4.

Amritraj, Prakash

Indian Davis cupper Prakash Amritraj overcame a first set loss to defeat higher-ranked Brazilian Ricardo Mello to enter the second round of the Chennai Open ATP tennis championship in Chennai on January 2 night.

– Prakash upsets Mello. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 18.

Anand, Chetan

Fourth seeded Chetan Anand waged a grim battle against world number

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nine Choong Wong of Malaysia before going down in the semifinals of the men's open Badminton competition of the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 24.

– Chetan loses in semis. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 22.

Fourth seed Chetan Anand took sweet revenge for his defeat in the team event, outplaying Englands Aamir Ghaffar 21-17, 18-21, 21-13 to win the bronze in men's badminton competition of the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 25.

– Chetan wins bronze. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 22.

Anand, Dev

Dev Anand on July 19 became the first Indian filmmaker to embark on a cinematic venture to be shot entirely on the girgin locales of Croatia. The octogenarian in New Delhi on July 19 launched an international film in English that will be shot for one and a half months in Croatia.

– Dev Anand to shoot film in Croatia. *Tribune.* July 20, 2006: 2.

Indian cinema's evergreen hero Dev Anand turned 84 on September 26, spending the day hunting for locations for his next film in 'Germany'.

– Dev Anand turns 84. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 2.

Anand, H.S.

The Haryana Government has placed the services of Mr H.S. Anand, Director-General, Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurgaon, at the disposal of the Union Government for appointment as Member-Secretary, National Capital Regional Planning Board, in the rank of Additional Secretary with immediate effect.

– H.S. Anand. *Tribune.* February 11, 2006: 7.

Anand, P.L. (Principal)

Principal P.L. Anand, a philanthropist who founded the Panjab University Evening College, Chandigarh in 1961, died in new Delhi on February 18. He was about 94. Born at Kahnuwan on August, 15, 1912, in district Gurdaspur, Principal Anand did his Master of Arts in Political Science from Formen Christian College, Lahore, standing first in the University in 1934.

– Principal P.L. Anand dead. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 13.

Anand, Sat Paul (Prof)

The HRD Ministry has nominated Prof Sat Paul Anand, Principal, Guru Nanak College, as member of the Northern Regional Committee of the National Council for Teachers Education, Jaipur. Prof Anand will represent

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Punjab at the six-member committee.

– Honour for Prof Anand. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 4.

Anand Satyanand (Justice)

An ethnic Indian Judge will be New Zealand's next Governor-General, the first person of Asian descent appointed to the role, Prime Minister Helen Clark said on April 3. Justice Anand Satyanand, born and raised in New Zealand by Indian and Fiji Indian parents, in August will replace Dame Silvia Gartwright as the representative of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

– Ethnic Indian New Zealand's next Governor-General. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 9.

Anand, Viswanathan

Viswananthan Anand cruised to a brilliant victory against world's youngest ever Grandmaster Sergey Karjakin of Ukraine in the first round of the Corus Super Grandmasters Chess Tournament that began in Wijk Aan Zee in the Netherlands on Saturday.

– Anand wins. *Tribune.* January 16, 2006: 18.

Viswanathan Anand suffered a shock defeat at the hands of his old nemesis Russian-turned-American Gata Kamsky in the sixth round of Corus International Chess tournament in Wijk Aan Zee.

– Kamsky stuns Anand. *Sunday Tribune.* January 22, 2006: 23.

Viswanathan Anand won the Corus Chess Tournament on a superior tie-break than world champion Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria after a splendid victory over Boris Gelfand of Israel in the 13th and final round.

– Anand wins fifth Corus title. *Tribune.* January 31, 2006: 18.

Defending champion Viswanathan Anand out-classed Grandmaster Francisco Vallejo Pons of Spain in the rapid game of the third round to take the mini-match by a 1.5-0.5 margin in the 15th Amber Blindfold and Rapid Chess Tournament in Monaco.

– Anand beats Vallejo Pons. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 19.

Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand achieved his long cherished dream of figuring in the ELO 2,800 club as the chess' world governing body FIDE announced its latest rating list.

– Anand joins 2,800-point club. *Tribune.* April 03,2006: 18.

World number two Viswanathan Anand delivered when it mattered the most and put it across world champion Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria to reach two points in as many games in the Mtel Masters Super Tournament in Sofia

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(Bulgaria).

– Anand outplay Topalov. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006: 22.

Viswanathan Anand once again asserted his supremacy in rapid chess as he thrashed world champion Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria in an almost lopsided affair to lift the 19th Magistral Ciudad de Leon title in Leon.

– Anand clinches title in style. *Tribune.* June 13, 2006: 19.

World No. 2 Viswanathan Anand bounced back in style defeating Grandmaster Teimour Radjabov of Azerbaijan in the third game of Grenkeleasing Rapid world championship at the Mainz Chess Classic in Mainz.

– Anand avenges defeat. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 22.

World number 2 Viswananthan Anand reserved his best for the final day, scoring two thumping victories to stamp his authority in the Grenkeleasing World Rapid Championship in Mainz (Germany). The Indian won his sixth title in a row Mainz, and ninth overall, a record that is unlikely to be surpassed according to pundits of the game.

– Anand bags Mainz crown. *Tribune.* August 22, 2006: 18.

Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand banked on his vast reservoir of experience in rapid chess to win the Mikhail Tal Memorial Blitz tournament in Moscow with a comprehensive two-point margin over his nearest rival Levon Aronian of Armenia.

– Anand bags Blitz title. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 18.

Anant

Three-year-old Anant, who was kidnapped by two motor-cycle-borne youths from Noida's Sector 15-A on Monday morning, is back home. He was recovered from near Noida-Bulandshahar border around 11.35 am on November 17.

– Anant is back home. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 24.

Anita Kumari

Anita Kumari of Government Senior Secondary School, Amb, topped the merit list of Class XII (arts).

– Krishan Lal, Anita Kumari top HP Class XII exam. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 9.

Anjani Kumar

In a suspected racial attack, an Indian medical student was stabbed last

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night in President Vladimir Putin's hometown St Petersburg, infamous as Russia's racist capital. The fifth-year student, Anjani Kumar, 23, of the local Mechnikoff Medical Academy was returning to his hostel when he was attacked by a group of "unknown" youths who stabbed him in the neck.

– Indian student stabbed. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 9.

Anju Bobby George

Long Jumper Anju Bobby George and Athlete K.M. Binu have bagged the Confederation of National and International Sportsmen (CINSA) awards, which were announced in Thiruvannathapuram on Thursday. The CINSA awards are given for best sports persons from Kerala who had fared well in their respective fields and consists of Rs 10,000, a citation and a gold medal.

– Anju honoured. *Tribune.* February 03, 2006: 20.

India's woman long jump ace Anju Bobby George moved into the final of the event with a leap of 6.41 meters in the preliminaries at the 18th Commonwealth Games Athletics competition in Melbourne in March 22.

– Anju qualifies for final. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 18.

World number eight Anju Bobby George expectedly bagged top honours in women's long jump, albeit with a below par show, as Indians boosted their tally adding half a dozen golds on the second day of the showpiece track and field events at the tenth South Asian Games on August 25.

– Athlets win six gold, Anju sets game record. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006:22.

Ankhi, Bhag Singh

The Jathedar of Akal Takht, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, has summoned Mr Bhag Singh Ankhi, secretary, Chief Khalsa Diwan (CKD), the oldest Sikh institution, on January 17 in Amritsar in connection with the alleged violation of the "Hukmnama" issued by the Sikh clergy.

– Akal Takht summons Chief Khalsa Diwan secy. *Tribune.* January 16, 2006: 5.

Ansal, Sushil

The Central Bureau of Investigation on September 27 continued to hold Sushil Ansal responsible for the Uphaar tragedy. Furnishing Sushil Ansal's bank accounts, senior counsel Harish Salve, appearing for the investigating agency, contended that it was Sushil who oversaw day-to-day affairs in the cinema hall.

– CBI holds Sushil Ansal guilty. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006: 2.

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Ansari, Mohammad Hamid

Ansari presently chairs National Commission for Minorities and has accepted the chairmanship of working group to deliberate upon measures to improving the condition of people in the state affected by militancy and schemes to rehabilitating all orphans and widows affected by militancy.

– Ahmadi, Rasgotra to head J&K working panels. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006:1.

Ansari, Shakrullah

Shakrullah Ansari, in his early 20s and hails from Uttar Pradesh, was hanged after his mercy petition was rejected by the ruler of Kuwait. He was sentenced to death by a local court for killing his Kuwaiti employer.

– Indian hanged in Kuwait. *Tribune.* May 03, 2006: 9.

Ansari, Yusuf

For 28-year-old Yusuf Ansari, an alumnus of London School of Economics, his stint as a member of the planning and coordination panel of the All-India Congress Committee (AICC), was motivation enough to write about Ms Sonia Gandhi, "the political entity around whose silence the Congress party and its politics revolves.

– Hardcore Cong man pens book on Sonia. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006: 5.

Antil, Seema

Despite performing well below her best, India's Seema Antil got back into the spotlight with a silver medal in the women's discus throw at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in March 21.

– Antil wins silver in discus. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 18.

India were shamed once again during a multi-disciplinary event with the country's top discus thrower Seema Antil testing positive for a banned drug and withdrawing from the Asian Games in Doha at the last minute.

– Antil flunks dope test. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 18.

– Hall of shame. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 10.

Seema Antil maintained she has not consumed any performance-enhancing drug but refused to compete in the ongoing Asian Games despite being cleared by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

– Exonerated Antil refuses to compete. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 22.

Antony, A.K.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh lightened his burden by drafting senior Congress leader Pranab Mukherjee to oversee the crucial External Affairs portfolio and brought back three-time Kerala Chief Minister and former

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Union Minister A.K. Antony as the Union Defence Minister.

– Antony gets Defence — Pranab Mukherjee shifted to External Affairs — Jai Prakash Yadav, Ambareesh sworn in. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006:1.

Anwar, Mohammad

Mohammad Anwar, a Class XII student of Sohrab Public School, won the first gold medal for Punjab in the junior boys category (16-18 years) on the second day of the 19th National Kickboxing Championship being held at Sohrab Public School, Malerkotla.

– Anwar wins gold medal in kickboxing. *Sunday Tribune.* September 10, 2006: 23.

Appa Rao, M.S.

Only a few people in one's life leave an indelible mark, like a dye on fabric, M.S. Appa Rao, or MS to friends even 40 years younger, was one such. Born (April 11, 1923) a zamindar, MS remained that, in the best sense of the term, even as he evolved from a student activist during the Quit India Movement to a progressive socialist ever in touch with those on the ground as well as the high and mighty. A close associate of Lohia and core member of the Socialist Party, MS had his own vision of a New India in post-Independence politics. Champion of many causes, from education and social development to civil liberties, political freedoms and public sector accountability, he was no less passionate about the arts, photography, wild life and tennis. M.S. Appa Rao's demise symbolises the passing of a generation that epitomised old world charm and grace, chivalry, deep-rooted democratic values and a humane lust for life.

– A politician with old world charm. *Tribune.* September 06, 2006: 13.

Arasu, R.K.T.

An Indian diplomat has been recalled by the Government barely three months into his posting in Kuala Lumpur apparently because he misused his position. Mr R.K. T Arasu, a second secretary in the Mission in Kuala Lumpur, has now returned to India, but no one in the Indian High Commission is willing to talk on record. Mr Arasu, whose job included handling labour issues, was taking retrenched Indian workers "for a ride," according to informed sources.

– Indian diplomat recalled. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 11.

Arjun Singh

Union Minister Arjun Singh, is among the political heavyweights who was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on March 20. The deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended on March 20 for the biennial elections to

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fill 59 seats from 15 States.

– Arjun, Bhardwaj, Shinde elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

Taking note of the Centre's announcement of reserving 27 per cent seats in educational institutes for OBC, the Election Commission has sought a reply from the Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh. Asking Mr Arjun Singh to furnish his explanation within two days, the EC has sought the reason for making the announcement at a time when Assembly poll are scheduled in Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry.

– EC questions Arjun on quota. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 1.

The Election Commission on April 12 sought further clarification form Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh within a week on his controversial announcement on OBC reservation allegedly in violation of the model code of conduct in force in view of the ongoing Assembly elections

– EC seeks further clarification from Arjun. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 16.

Mr Arjun Singh filed an application before the Jagadhari court that while the proceedings against the newspaper had been stayed by the High Court, he should be tried separately. Mr Arjun Singh said he would place the findings of these commissions and other material before the court to vindicate his honour and clear his reputation from the cloud cast by the complainant.

– Arjun Singh fights battle against RSS in court. *Tribune.* May 03, 2006: 20.

Arora, Anil

The Government of India has appointed Anil Arora as Member Irrigation, Bhakra Beas Management Board. Besides the Chairman, there are two full-time members of the board — one to oversee irrigation related matters and the other for the electricity generation matters. Mr Arora, a Chief Engineer-rank official of the Haryana Government, was earlier working as Secretary, BBMB. He is a graduate from the Punjab Engineering College and brings with him 37 years of experience in the irrigation sector.

– Arora appointed BBMB member. *Tribune.* July 05, 2006: 4.

Arora, Narinder

Residents on March 18 observed a bandh in protest against the murder of a businessman in Kaithal on March 17 night. He had been receiving extortion demands. The businessman, Narinder Arora, a plywood dealer, was shot at point-blank range in the head while closing his shop on the Chatrawas road.

– Businessman shot dead in Kaithal. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006:1.

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Arora, Narinder Kumar

Mr Narinder Kumar Arora has been appointed Member (Power) of the Bhakra Beas Management Board.

– *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 4.

Arun Kumar (Justice)

Justice Arun Kumar, former Judge of Supreme Court, is understood to have got the Centre's approval for the post of TDSAT Chairman, after the resignation of Justice Santosh Hegde.

– TDSAT chief. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 17.

Arun Prakash (Admiral)

Navy Chief Admiral Arun Prakash flew in the MiG-29 fighter in Moscow, similar to the one which would be deployed on Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier being acquired by India from Russia.

– Naval chief flies MiG-29. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006: 13.

Arya, Hira Nand

The body of former minister Hira Nand Arya was consigned to the flames at his native Jhanjhra village on November 9. After prolonged illness, Mr Arya took his last breath at about 9.10 pm on November 8 night at the local Civil Hospital. He was under treatment at the hospital for the past four months.

– Ex-minister Arya dead. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 7.

Asadullah, Zakir

Tainted weightlifter Edwin Raju and team-mate Zakir Asadullah were grilled for six hours by a three-member inquiry panel of officers from the city-based Army Sports Institute (ASI) over the last two days to establish facts pertaining to doping charges at the 18th Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne recently.

– ASI inquiry panel grills Edwin Raju. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 22.

Asghar Nabi, Diwan

Mr L.S. Ranawat, Regional Director (RD) of the National Institute of Sports (NIS), has expressed surprise at the charges levelled against masseur Diwan Asghar Nabi, who is working at the NIS on a contractual basis on monthly stipend of Rs.500 for the past 12 years. He is facing charges of indecent assault on a woman staffer at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

– NIS awaits report on masseur. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 22.

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The Indian masseur, charged with indecent assault at the Commonwealth Games athletes village in Melbourne, refused an out-of-court settlement claiming his innocence, the Indian chef-de-mission for the mega event said on April 5. "We tried for an out-of-court settlement but the masseur Diwan Asghar Nabi refused to consider it as he thought he had done nothing wrong," H.J. Dora said in New Delhi.

– Nabi refuses out-of-court settlement. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 19.

Asha Kumari

The Himachal Pradesh High Court has dropped contempt of court proceedings against former Education Minister Asha Kumari in view of tendering an unconditional and unqualified apology in the High Court by her.

– Contempt proceedings dropped against ex-minister. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 8.

Ashish Kumar

Ashish Kumar of the National Sports Academy in Allahabad won the bronze medal in floor exercises of the third Asian Gymnastics Championship which concluded in Surat.

– Ashish wins bronze in Asian gymnastics. *Tribune.* August 05, 2006: 22.

Ashok Kumar

Ashok Kumar carded his worst round of the week, but his fourover 75 was still good enough to win him the TSM - Golden Greens Open 2006. Ashok's triumph at the par-71 Golden Greens Golf and Country Club was his second title triumph on the Amby Valley PGAI Tour's 2005-06 season.

– Ashok Kumar wins golf title. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 22.

Ashok Singh

The police said that heavily armed Naxalites ambushed the convoy of Madanpur block JD (U) president Ashok Singh near Devjada village in the district around 11 pm when he was returning after campaigning for zila Parishad election. Singh was a candidate in the election.

– JD (U) leader, 6 others gunned down. *Tribune.* April 26, 2006: 20.

Ashwani Kumar (Dr)

The inquiry ordered by the State Department of Panchyats against the Union Minister of State for Industries, Mr Ashwani Kumar, has put officials in the district in a quandary.

– Officials in dilemma over probe against minister. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 4.

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Dr Ashwani Kumar, Minister of State for Industry, is leading a high level delegation to the US to attract global petrochemicals and chemicals industry majors to invest in India.

– Ashwani Kumar to lead delegation to US. *Tribune.* June 03, 2006: 10.

Ashwini Kumar

The Himachal Government on July 24 promoted Mr Ashwini Kumar, currently Additional Director of the CBI, as Director-General of Himachal Police. He will replace Mr Ajit Narayan who is retiring on July 31. A 1973-batch IPS officer, Mr Kumar is the seniormost officer after Mr Narayan.

– Ashwini Kumar new DGP. *Tribune.* July 26, 2006: 9.

The Director-General of Police, Mr Ashwani Kumar, on August 10 said that the police force should be able to build rapport with the public so that they are able to register complaints even on the internet.

– New DGP lists priorities. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 9.

Ashwini Kumar

The Himachal Pradesh High Court on September 13 removed Mr Ashwini Kumar (IAS) as Director (Prosecution) as his appointment is not in accordance with law.

– HC removes Ashwini as Director (Prosecution). *Tribune.* September 14, 2006: 9.

Asif Khan Bashir Khan

In a major development, Maharashtra's Anti- Terrorist Squad (ATS) on October 3 arrested Asif Khan Bashir Khan alias Junaid, the suspected prime conspirator of the July 11 train blasts planned by Pakistan's ISI, from Belgaum in neighbouring Karnataka.

– Prime conspirator of Mumbai train blasts held: ATS. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006: 20.

Atri, Hemant

Delhi-based correspondent of *Dainik Bhaskar*, Hemant Atri, won the 'Shri Satpal Saini Samriti Shrestha Patarkarita Puraskar', instituted by the Haryana Government for the first time, for the year 2005-06. The award carry a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a commendation certificate and a shawl each.

– Award for Tribune reporter. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 3.

Attri, K.K.

In the multi-crore wireless set scam in the Punjab police, several IPS officers of the state police have been booked by the Central Bureau of Investigation

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(CBI). An embezzlement of about Rs 5 crore in the purchase of wireless sets has been detected by the central agency during its investigations that focused on the purchases made during 2000 to 2003. In the PIL, the names of Mr K.K. Attri, ADGP, and others have been mentioned.

– Top cops booked for wireless sets scam. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006:1.

Attri, Rajinder (Dr)

Mr G.R. Musafir, Speaker, Himachal Vidhan Sabha, released a book "Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar - A Political Biography', written by Dr Rajinder Attri, in Shima on August 4.

– Book released. *Tribune.* August 05, 2006: 9.

Atwal, Arjun

Arjun Atwal found his putting touch and came out with a five-under 67 which saw him rise to tied 19th after the second round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Clasic on January 21.

– Atwal tied 19th. *Tribune.* January 21, 2006: 22.

Arjun Atwal's disastrous debut at the Players Championship (TPC) pushed him two rungs down to 136th in the latest Official World Golf Rankings.

– Atwal slips. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 22.

Arjun Atwal fired five birdies on the trot in his sizzling eight-under 64 to enter the top 20 at the tied 14th spot after the penultimate round of the $ 4.6 million Funai Classic in Florida. The performance has further strengthened Atwal's chances of retaining his PGA card for next year.

– Atwal breaks into top 20. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 20.

Atwal, Charanjit Singh

Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker, Charnjit Singh Atwal is leading an eight members delegation to Colombo to participate in the fourth conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians.

– LS Deputy Speaker to attend SAARC Speakers' meeting. *Tribune.* March 28, 2006: 13.

An Indian Parliamentary delegation, led by Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Charnjit Singh Atwal, has left for Nairobi, Kenya, to attend the 114th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) from May 7 to 12.

– Atwal leads delegation to Nairobi. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 10.

Atwal, Gurjeet Singh

Border Security Force (BSF), Jalandhar, helped by a fine brace from Gurjeet

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Singh Atwal, got the better of Corps of Signals, Goa, 3-2 in a qualifying-round match of the 199th Durand Cup Football Tournament on Nov 13.

– Atwal stars in BSF victory. *Tribune.* November 14, 2006:19.

Aul, A.N. (Lieut-Gen)

Lieut-Gen A.N. Aul has taken over as Chief of Staff, Western Command. Prior to this appointment he was serving as the Additional Director General Recruiting, a statement issued in Chandigarh on August 8 said. An alumus of the National Defence Academy, General Aul was commissioned into 3 Gorkha Rifles (3 GR) in June, 1970, and has commanded the Third Battalion of 3 GR. He commanded an infantry brigade at Dras during Operation Vijay, which was instrumental in the capture of Tololing.

– General Aul new Chief of Staff, Western Command. *Tribune.* August 09, 2006: 3.

Aulakh, Ajmer Singh

Ajmer Singh Aulakh, recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademy Award for the year 2005, belongs to a small farmer family from a tiny village named Kumbarhwal in Sangrur district. Educated in Mansa and Patiala, Aulakh did M.A. (Punjabi) in 1965 and got lectureship in Nehru Memorial Government College, Mansa, from where he retired in August 2000. Preparing students for youth festivals, Aulakh experimented in writing short plays which received approval and applause. One such tentative and exploratory stage endeavour, a playlet named 'Idra Kadibra'. The same script was later on published under the title "Arbad Narbad Dhundhukara". He formed his now theatre group Lok Kala Manch, Mansa, in 1978 and has never looked back since then.

– Rose in wilderness. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 11.

Aulakh, Amarjit Singh (Lt)

Lt Amarjit Singh Aulakh has done the Chandigarh city proud. Easily among the youngest recipients of this year's Independence Day presidential Awards, he is shining at the top in the list of Shaurya Chakra awardees for this year.

– City boy is this year's Shaurya Chakra awardee. *Tribune.* August 16, 2006: 3.

Aulakh, K.S. (Dr)

The Punjab Agricultural University Vice Chancellor, Dr K.S. Aulakh, has been nominated as a member of the Core Group on Right to Food, constituted by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

– Dr Aulakh on Right-To-Food group of NHRC. *Ludhiana Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 4.

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Avneet Kaur

Indian shooters fired on target on the opening day of the event clinching three gold and one silver medal from the five pair events at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 17. Tejaswini Sawant and Avneet Kaur Sidhu also grabbed the yellow metal aggregating 791 at the Wellsford Rifle Range at Bendigo.

– Indian shooters steal the show. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 1.

Avtar Singh

The SGPC chief, Mr Avtar Singh, on March 30, in Amritsar, faced embarrassment when Mr Jagdev Singh Talwandi, Mr Kirpal Singh Badungar and Bibi Jagir Kaur came heavily on his style of working.

– SGPC ex-chiefs gun for Avtar Singh. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 4.

In an unprecedented move, the Punjabi University authorities allowed a function organised by it to propose 'tankha' for Jathedar Avtar Singh, president, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbhandak Committee and subsequently 'tankha' was also announced on the spot.

– SGPC chief awarded 'tankha' at varsity function. *Tribune.* October 27, 2006: 20.

Mr Avtar Singh, President, SGPC on November 21 dared Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta to fight election to SGPC post. The SGPC chief said Mr Calcutta was criticising Mr Parkash Singh Badal only after he was removed from the secretaryship for the SGPC. He said Mr Calcutta was playing into the hands of Mr Amrinder Singh and the Congress.

– SGPC chief's challenge. *Tribune.* November 23, 2006: 4.

Avtar Singh, Bhai

Bhai Avtar Singh "Raagi", born at Saidpur in the erstwhile state of Kapurthala, passed away on November 24, 2006, after a brief illness in Delhi. He and his brother Bhai Gurcharan Singh were the sons of the legendary Sikh kirtania, Bhai Jawal Singh. They were the 11th-generation flag bearers of the original style of shabad singing of Sikh Gurus in the medieval Punjab.

– Singer par excellence. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 8.

Azad, Desh Prem

Cricket Dronacharya D.P. Azad will soon launch a cricket academy in Chandigarh. To be run under the Dronacharya Sports Promoters Association, it will be known as D.P. Azad Cricket Academy.

– DP Azad to launch cricket academy. *Tribune.* May 12, 2006: 21.

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Dronacharya awardee Desh Prem Azad has been nominated to the four-member panel of the Vizzy Trophy Committee by Board of Control for Cricket in India President Sharad Pawar.

– Azad nominated to Vizzy panel. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 19.

Azad, Ghulam Nabi

With his coalition partner of the PDP and the Opposition National Conference (NC) locking horns over the issue of "self-rule" and other controversies, Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad has smoothly steered the state during the first 100 days of his Chief Ministership.

– Good beginning for Azad; completes 100 days in office. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 6.

Extending its covert support to the ruling Congress, the opposition National Conference (NC) has decided not to field its candidate against Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad in the Bhaderwah constituency of Doda district going to byelections on April 24.

– No NC nominee against Azad. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 6.

Breaking all previous records of votes polled by any Chief Minister in Jammu and Kashmir, Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad won the Bhaderwah Assembly seat on April 27 with the highest margin of 58,015 votes defeating his BJP rival in a direct contest.

– Azad wins by record margin. *Tribune.* April 28, 2006: 1.

The CM, Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad, took oath as a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) in Jammu on April 29. The Speaker, Mr Tara Chand, administered the oath in a simple ceremony at the legislature complex in the morning.

– Azad takes oath. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 6.

By demanding clemency for Mohammad Afzal, Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad has not only put himself in the dock, but also caused embarrassment to the Congress that had lately started gaining lost ground in Jammu and Kahsmir. Almost all political and religious parties in Jammu have stood up against Mr Azad and are demanding that he should be sacked.

– Azad puts Cong in the dock. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006: 6.

Facing criticism over reports that he had sought clemency for Parliament-attack case convict Mohammad Afzal, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on October 31 said he had not taken up the issue with the Prime Minister but he was personally against death sentence.

– Azad says he did not seek clemency for Afzal. *Tribune.* Nov. 01, 2006:20.

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Azad, Ravi

The CBI arrested SP Ravi Azad and DSP Udey Shanker in Chandigarh on October 18 in connection with a cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy case for their role in the recruitment of 500 constables in the Government Railways Police (GRP) and the Haryana Armed Police (HPA) in 2003-04.

– SP, DSP arrested in recruitment scam. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006:1.

Azad, Shameem

The Governor, Lieut-Gen S.K. Sinha (retd), gave away the "Shair-e-Kashmir Mahjoor" award to Mrs Shameem Azad for her contribution in the field of literature, culture and music.

– Shameem Azad felicitated. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006: 6.

Azmi, Shabana

Shabana Azmi has been selected for the prestigious 'CRYSTAL' award by the World Economic Forum for her "outstanding excellence" in the field of art. She shares the honour with Hollywood superstar Michael Douglas. The award will be presented in Davos, Switzerland, on January 28.

– *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 17.

It was her social activism that attracted the attention of the London-based Gandhi Foundation and she was chosen for the prestigious International Gandhi Peace Prize, the first Indian to get the honour. Other recipients included eminent persons like the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

– Befitting honour for Shabana Azmi. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 13.

With actor and activist Shabana Azmi at the helm of affairs, Punjab finally hopes to convey that it means business on the growing scourge of female foeticide across the State.

– Shabana heads Punjab panel on foeticide. *Tribune.* October 18, 2006:1.

Versatile actress and social activist Shabana Azmi receives the prestigious International Gandhi Peace Prize at a special function at Britain's House of Commons in London on October 26 for her work amongst the disadvantaged women of India, particularly in Mumbai slums.

– Shabana Azami to receive peace prize. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 13.

Actress Shabana Azami, will be honoured with the Global Online awards for their contribution to the Indian cinema.

– Global honour for Bollywood stars. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 13.

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Babaehali, Gurbachan Singh

The Punjab Government has decided to re-appoint Mr Gurbachan Singh Babaehali, former district president of the Congress in Gurdaspur district, as Chairman of Milkfed.

– Babaehali to be back as chairman. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 4.

Babbar, Raj

Noted film actor and Samajwadi Party MP, Raj Babbar, who had questioned the utility of party general secretary Amar Singh in the organisation, was on February 7 suspended from the SP's Parliamentary wing for "anti-party" activities.

– Suspended from SP Parliamentary board. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006:1.

Two-time MP from Agra, now under fire from the SP for his "anti-party activities", Raj Babbar has accused Mr Amar Singh, of being over-bearing in running the party affairs and promoting a kind of culture which is not good for the health of the Party. Mr. Raj Babbar also holds Mr Amar Singh responsible for weakening the socialist credentials of the SP by hobnobbing with the forces which are in ideologically opposite camps.

– Raj Babbar's outbursts. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 10.

The Samajwadi Party on February 8 suspended Raj Babbar from the primary membership of the party even as the actor-turned-politician met senior JD(U) and CPI leaders in order to broadbase support for his campaign against those "promoting culture of middlemen.".

– SP suspends Babbar from primary membership. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 13.

Rebel Samajwadi leader Raj Babbar is organising a public rally in Agra next week where he will declare an open war against Amar Singh.

– Raj Babbar plans rally. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 13.

Former PM, V.P. Singh on April 23 announced a new political forum, the Jan Morcha, headed by suspended Samajwadi Party leader Raj Babbar.

– Led by Raj Babbar, Jan Morcha set up. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 2.

Babita Kumari

Babita Kumari did the country proud by winning the gold medal in the

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women's 49 kg class on August 12 at the sixth Asian Cadet Wrestling Championship in Bangkok, Thailand. Babita defeated Japan's Nodoka Nishi to become the third Indian grappler to claim the top honour.

– Babita wins gold medal. *Sunday Tribune.* August 13, 2006: 23.

Babulal

Uttar Pradesh Minister of state for Food Processing and Rashtriya Lok Dal leader Babulal on December 26 resigned from the Mulayam Singh Yadav Ministry in the wake of reports linking him with the murdered Meerut lecturer, Kavita Rani.

– UP minister Babulal quits. *Tribune.* December 27, 2006: 1.

Bachchan, Abhishek

Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan has become a brand ambassador of LG Electronics for its Intello range of products, the company said on Friday. Abhishek has been signed for a period of two years.

– *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 21.

Bachchan, Amitabh

An anti-tobacco group has served a legal notice on actor Amitabh Bachchan for allegedly violating the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, by appearing in an advertisement which shows him smoking a cigar.

– Anti-tobacco group's notice to Amitabh. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 1.

Superstar Amitabh Bachchan has apologised to an anti-tobacco group, which has slapped a legal notice on him for appearing in an advertisement showing him smoking a cigar. "I am deeply apologetic of the advertisement that has hurt the sentiments of the people at large and organisations such as yours," Bachchan said in a letter to the general-secretary of the National Organisation for Tobaccco Eradication, India, Shekhar Salkar.

– Amitabh apologises to anti-tobacco group. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006:20.

Amitabh Bachchan won the Best Actor award for his role as Debraj Sahai in 'Black'on January 23 night.

– 'Black' bags 10 Apsara movie awards. *Tribune.* January 23, 2006: 2.

India's third largest business house Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) on May 28 unveiled a new logo as part of its 'corporate identity' makeover and roped in Amitabh Bachchan for its corporate advertisement film. Superstar Bachchan is perhaps acting for the first time in a corporate ad film, though arguably he is the biggest brand ambassador in India endorsing a host of products.

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– Big B to endorse ADAG. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 17.

Reports of an Income Tax notice to Amitabh Bachchan asking him to explain the sources of funds for a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses worth Rs 2.7 lakh sent the Bollywood fraternity into a tizzy on June 9. Even as the Bachchans kept a studied silence, the grapevine had it that the UPA government was preparing to turn the screws yet again on the veteran actor whose souring of relations with the Sonia Gandhi family is no longer a secret.

– Speculation about IT notice to Amitabh. *Tribune.* June 10, 2006: 2.

The Income Tax (IT) Department has slapped another notice on Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan, this time seeking additional information on his bungalow "Jalsa" situated in Juhu in suburban Mumbai.

– IT notice to Amitabh on bungalow. *Tribune.* June 12, 2006: 15.

Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukherjee picked up the best actor and best actress awards while Bhansali's victory in the best director category made it a clean sweep for 'Black'.

– 'Black' bags major IIFA awards. *Tribune.* June 18, 2006: 11.

In yet another feather to his cap, Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan was on July 19 conferred with the honorary degree of Doctorate of Arts by a British University in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the movie business in India. Sixtyfour-year-old Bachchan, a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, received the degree at the graduation ceremony of the De Montford University in Leicester.

– Amitabh conferred honorary doctorate. *Tribune.* July 20, 2006: 24.

The decision of the Maharashtra Government to lower security for prominent persons in the state, including actor Amitabh Bachchan... has kicked up a row.

– Furore over reducing security for Amitabh. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006:2.

Superstar Amitabh Bachchan, who turned 64 on October 11, received a sherwani inscribed with a poem his father, Harivanshrai had written when the actor was born.

– Amitabh presented sherwani with father's poem on it. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 2.

Delhi University (DU) on November 4 honoured Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan, ...with honorary degrees at a special convocation in New Delhi.

– DU honours Amitabh with doctorate. *Sunday Tribune.* Nov. 05, 2006:2.

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Bachchan, Jaya

Cine-star and Rajya Sabha member Jaya Bachchan has been disqualified by the Election Commission as Member of Parliament for holding office of profit as Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Film Development Corporation.

– Jaya Bachchan loses RS seat. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 1.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on March 17 accepted the Election Commission's recommendation to disqualify Samajwadi Party's Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan on the grounds that she was holding an office of profit as Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Film Development Council.

– Jaya Bachchan disqualified from Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006:1.

The Supreme Court on May 8 dismissed actress-turned-politician Jaya Bachchan's petition challenging her disqualification as Rajya Sabha MP by President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on the recommendation of the Election Commission for holding an office of profit.

– SC dashes Jaya's hope. *Tribune.* May 09, 2006: 1.

Ms Jaya Bachchan resigned from the post of chairperson, UP Film Development Corporation, in Lucknow on May 24. She sent her resignation to CM Mulayam Singh Yadav who accepted it with immediate effect. She had been occupying the office since 2002.

– Jaya quits as film development body chief. *Tribune.* May 25, 2006: 2.

In a major boost to Jaya Bachchan, seeking re-entry to the Rajya Sabha after her disqualification by Election Commission on the office-of-profit issue, the Supreme Court on June 5 rejected a petition by a Congress leader from UP for stay of her the by-election.

– SC no to stay on Jaya bypoll. *Tribune.* June 06, 2006: 14.

Two former Samajwadi Party MPs, including cine star Jaya Bachchan were on June 8 elected to the Rajya Sabha unopposed.

– Jaya elected to RS unopposed. *Tribune.* June 09, 2006: 24.

Samajwadi Party leader Jaya Bachchan on July 24 took oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha as her husband Amitabh Bachchan watched the proceedings from the visitors' gallery.

– Jaya Bachchan returns to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* July 25, 2006: 2.

Badal, Parkash Singh

Former Punjab Chief Minister and SAD President, Parkash Singh Badal, on March 18 appeared before the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Ms Neeraj Kalson, in a defamation suit filed by him against the Punjab Chief

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Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

– Badal appears in defamation case. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 3.

At least 35 SGPC members, led by Mr Karanail Singh Panjoli, met Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar Akal Takht, and sought action against Mr Parkash Singh badal, President, Shiromani Akali Dal, for accepting a donation of Rs 8 lakh from the ITC, a tobacco company as party fund.

– 35 SGPC members seek action against Badal. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 4.

The Punjab Government on September 19 justify Mr Parkash Singh Badal's prosecution and even offered to shift the trial outside the State.

– Punjab Govt offers to shift Badal's trial. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006:18.

The apex court dismissed petitions filed by former Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal challenging the grant of sanction to prosecute them in corruption cases. The court held that "acts of omission and commission committed during the purported exercise of discharge of official duty under the collar of office cannot form part of the bona fide discharge of official duty by a public servant".

– It gets tough for tainted. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006: 1.

– Jolt for Akalis. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006: 12.

Badal, Sukhbir Singh

The general secretary the Shiromani Akali Dal, Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal, on November 16 challenged the Punjab CM, Capt Amarinder Singh, to a debate on mass support on a common platform.

– Sukhbir dares CM to debate. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 4.

Mr Varinder Kumar, Sessions Judge in Moga on December 7 exonerated Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal from the charges of attempt of murder and tampering with official records. But he directed the Chief Judicial Magistrate to conduct trail of Mr Badal on charges of robbery and causing physical hurt to a photographer of a vernacular newspaper in the same.

– Sukhbir let off. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 1.

Baghel, Shambhu Dayal

Shambhu Dayal Baghel, LSP's chief of Madhya Pradesh has been removed from this position.

– LSP's Madhya Pradesh unit chief removed. *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006: 5.

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Bahadur Singh

"This honour is the high point of my career," said shot putter Bahadur Singh, whose name was announced for the Padam Shri on the eve of Republic Day.

– It's a great honour, says Bahadur. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006:23.

Bahel, Sanjay

A senior United Nations official who allegedly used his influence to procure more than $ 50 million in U.N. contracts for an Indian American businessman in exchange for prime Manhattan real estate was on November 1 arrested in New York.

– Indian official at UN held for fraud. *Tribune.* November 03, 2006: 1.

A US court has granted bail to a senior Indian official on deputation to the United Nations, who was arrested for allegedly steering UN contracts to Indian firms in return for valuable real estate in Manhattan. Sanjay Bahel (55), who was the chief of the UN Commodity Procurement Section, was freed on bail on a surety of $ 900,000 by US Magistrate Judge Douglas F. Eaton on November 2.

– Indian UN official granted bail. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006: 24.

"Nishan Kohli, 30, admitted making illegal payments to Sanjay Bahel, a former high-ranking UN purchasing official, as compensation for steering business to Kohli from 1998 to 2003," said Michael Garcia, the US attorney for the Southern District of New York.

– Indian admits to bribing UN official. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 11.

Bahuria, S.

In a minor administrative reshuffle, the government on January 31 appointed Mr S. Bahuria as Principal Secretary (Finance) in place of Mr Yogesh Khanna, Additional Chief Secretary, who has been appointed Chairman of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

– Bahuria is Principal Secy (Finance). *Tribune.* February 01, 2006: 13.

Bains, Gurbhajan Singh

Mr Gurbhajan Singh Bains (66), a retired post-master and a resident of Moela Wahidpur village, has won silver medals in 200 metres and 800 metres and a bronze medal in 1500 metres at the 26th Punjab Masters Athletics Championship organised by the District Masters Athletics Association, Amritsar, at Guru Nanak Dev University recently.

– Veteran wins laurels. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 4.

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Bains, Raghbir Singh (Dr)

Dr. Raghbir Singh Bains of Canada was on January 10 honoured by Akal Takht for propagating Sikh religion and philosophy in the world through multimedia.

– Akal Takht honours Sikh scholar. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 4.

Bajaj, Rahul

The rift between the Nationalist Congress Party and the Congress in Maharashtra came out into the open on June 5 after industrialist Rahul Bajaj filed his nomination to the Rajya Sabha seat left vacant following the death of Pramod Mahajan. Mr Bajaj's candidature was backed by the NCP, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Shiv Sena much to the discomfiture of the Congress, which was hopeful of bagging the seat in alliance with Mr Pawar's outfit.

– Rahul Bajaj files papers for RS seat. *Tribune.* June 06, 2006: 2.

The Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party alliance in Maharashtra lay in tatters as industrialist Rahul Bajaj coasted to victory with support from the NCP, the Shiv Sena and the BJP.

– Rahul Bajaj wins M'rashtra RS seat. *Tribune.* June 16, 2006: 2.

Bajaj, Rajiv

The Bajaj Auto MD has done it by a turnaround at his family-run automaker and reclaiming the top position in the two-wheeler market, while earning himself a place on the cover page of the Asia edition of Forbes.

– Rajiv Bajaj makes to Forbes cover. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 17.

Bajaj, Rupan Deol

"The fact that the Government of India has recommended my name for a Padmashri shows that it both acknowledges and approves of the battle that I fought for upholding my dignity in a man's world," said Ms Rupan Deol Bajaj, former Financial Comissioner, Punjab, in Chandigarh on January 23.

– Govt aproves of my battle for justice: Rupan. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006:3.

Bajpai, R.P. (Dr)

The Vice-Chancellor of Guru Jambheshwar University (GJU) in Hisar, Dr R.P. Bajapai, has been honoured with the "Distinguished Fellow Award" by the Institute of Medical Engineering, Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. Dr Bajpai has been honoured with the award and diploma in recognition of his contribution in the development of biomedical and other sophisticated instrument for the

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country. Before taking over as the Vice-Chancellor of GJU, Dr Bajpai was the Director of the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) in Chandigarh.

– GJU V-C honoured. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006: 24.

The Haryana Governor and Chancellor of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal, Dr A.R. Kidwai, has ordered that Dr R.P. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, will hold charge of Deenbandhu University, in addition to his present duties, till a regular Vice-Chancellor is appointed.

– Additional charge for VC of GJU. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 7.

Bajwa, A.S. (Lt-Gen)

Senior level appointments were made in the Indian Army on June 30, Lt-Gen A.S. Bajwa has been appointed Director-General, Artillery. At present Commandant, School of Artillery at Deolali, Lt-Gen Bajwa replaces Lt-Gen Charanjit Singh, who is also retiring.

– Lt-Gen Pande new DG, Military Operations. *Tribune.* July 01, 2006:2.

Bajwa, Mohinder Partap Singh (Brig-retd)

Brig. Mohinder Partap Singh Bajwa (retd), a veteran of the 1971 war and the Kargil war, took over as the Chairman of the Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) in Chandigarh. Brigadier Bajwa is son of the late Satnam Singh Bajwa, a former Minister of Punjab from Qadian (Gurdaspur), and the elder brother of Mr Partap Singh Bajwa, Public Works (B & R) and School Education Minister, Punjab.

– Brig Bajwa takes over as PEDA chief. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006:4.

Bajwa, Sukhdeep Singh

Mr Sukhdeep Singh Bajwa, who caught Mr Puneet Goel, SDM, in the peacock poaching case has been re-appointed honorary wildlife warden of the district for two years. The notification in this regard was issued by the government on Thursday.

– Bajwa re-appointed wildlife warden. *Sunday Tribune.* December 31, 2006: 4.

Bajwa, Tript Rajinder Singh

The Punjab Government has extended the term of Mr Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa as Chairman of the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) till March 31 next year. He was appointed Chairman on September 12, 2004, for two years. Mr Bajwa is the MLA (Congress) from Qadian.

– PPCB chief gets extension. *Tribune.* September 13, 2006: 4.

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Bajwa, Vikramjit Singh

Mr Vikramjit Singh Bajwa, a former chairman of the overseas cell of the Indian National Congress, has approached the president of the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP), Mr Rajnath Singh, for party ticket to contest from the Amritsar Lok Sabha seat.

– NRI asks for BJP ticket from Amritsar. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006:4.

Mr Vikram Bajwa, In-charge of the Punjab State NRI Cell of the BJP on December 8 staked claim for the Amritsar Lok Sabha seat, which fell vacant with the resignation of Mr Navjot Singh Sidhu.

– Vikram Bajwa in race for Amritsar LS seat. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 4.

Bakhshi, Rakesh

Rakesh Bakhshi, honorary secretary of the Chandigarh Football Association, has been nominated as manager of the Indian team which will take part in the AFC Under-14 Football Festival which will be held at Tehran, Iran, from March 23.

– Bakhshi nominated U-14 team manager. *Tribune.* March 13, 2006: 21.

Bakshish Singh, Bhai

For the first time, a Hazoori raagi of Harmandar Sahib, Bhai Bakshish Singh has been placed under suspension for moral turpitude.

– Harmandar Sahib raagi suspended. *Tribune.* January 17, 2006: 4.

Bala Ram

Mortal remains of Bala Ram a veteran of the Netaji Bose's "Azad Hind Fauj" were consigned to flames with full state honours in his native Village Ludesar of the district on Sunday.

– INA veteran cremated with honours. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 7.

Balajit, Vikraman (Dr)

Dr Vikraman Balaji receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Balbir Singh

Legendary Balbir Singh Sr, a triple Olympic gold medallist, pipped great players like Udham Singh, Harbinder Singh, Prithipal Singh and Ajit Pal Singh to emerge as the best Sikh hockey player of all time in New Delhi on April 26.

– Balbir Sr is best Sikh hockey player. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006: 18.

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Bali, Vinod Kumar (Justice)

Mr Justice V.K. Bali, Judge of the Rajasthan HC, has been cleared for appointment as CJ of the Kerala HC. He hails from district Karnal in Haryana, from where he began his practice before shifting to the High Court.

– Justice Bali is Kerala High Court CJ. *Tribune.* January 20, 2006: 1.

Justice Vinod Kumar Bali was on January 22 sworn in as the CJ of the Kerala High Court. Justice Bali was a judge of the Rajasthan HC before he was elevated as Kerala Chief Justice. After graduating in law from the Panjab University, Justice Bali practised in Karnal district court and Punjab and Haryana High Court.

– Bali sworn in as Kerala CJ. *Tribune.* January 23, 2006: 2.

Baljinder Singh

A fast-track court in Bathinda in April 5 sentenced Baljinder Singh, son of former Damdama Sahib Jathedar Giani Kewal Singh, to seven years of rigorous imprisonment in the dowry death case of his wife Sharanjit Kaur in 1997. The court acquitted ex-jathedar and his kin Joginder Kaur.

– 7-yr RI for Giani Kewal Singh's son in dowry case. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 4.

Balraj Pandit

Theatre world suffered loss on October 13 with the death of theatre personality Balraj Pandit (70). A product of the National School of Drama, Pandit, popularly called Panditji by his friends, rose to fame with his play Panchvan Savaar, in Hindi in his NSD days.

– Thespian Panditji dead. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 5.

Balraj Singh

Balraj Singh of GGDSD College, Hariana, won the decathlon event in the Panjab University Inter-College Relay Races which concluded on the PU campus in Chandigarh on November 20.

– Balraj claims decathlon gold. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 19.

Balwant Singh

A pall of gloom descended on Saintpur village under the Bholath subdivision on September 13 after the news of the demise of a local person in the United States of America (USA) reached in Saintpur (Kapurthala). Captain Balwant Singh (retired) was killed by two black robbers in New Jersey.

– Punjabi murdered in USA. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 6.

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Balwinder Kaur

Mr Jaspal Singh Chugh, Additional District Judge, Fast Track Court, on March 11 annulled (ex-parte) the marriage of Balwinder Kaur (20) with Jagtar Singh Hawara, Chief of Babbar Khalsa International in India, on a petition filed by Balwinder under Section 12 of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955, for the annulment of her marriage with Hawara.

– Court annuls Hawara's marriage. *Sunday Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 5.

Balyan, R.S. (Dr)

Dr R.S. Balyan, Additional Director (Students Welfare) at Haryana Agricultural University in Hisar, has been arrested in connection with a case of an armed attack on another Professor of the University.

– HAU don held for attack on Director. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 7.

The Haryana Agriculture University (HAU) administration has suspended Additional Director (Students' Welfare), Dr R.S. Balyan, for his alleged involvement in a case of assault on another university teacher.

– HAU Addl Dir suspended. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 7.

Bana Singh

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on October 26 honoured Hony Capt Bana Singh (retd), who was decorated with the Param Vir Charka, India's highest award for gallantry, at a function organised in Chandigarh. The Chief Minister presented a cheque for Rs 10 lakh, a shawl and a sword to Capt Bana Singh in recognition of the valour shown by him in the face of the enemy on the world's highest battlefield, Siachen, almost 20 years ago. The post which he wrested from Pakistani troops has been named after him.

– PVC winner Bana Singh honoured. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 5.

Banerjee, Dola

England finished fourth with four silver and as many bronze medals. The Indian dominance in the championship continued on November 11 with ace archer Jhanu Hansda and South Asian Games gold medallist Dola Banerjee clinching gold in the individual women compound and recurve division.

– Archers hit bull's eye. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 22.

Banerjee, Donald

Mr Donald Banerjee, who superannuated as Chief News Editor of *The Tribune* on September 30, was given a warm send-off by the editorial staff at the Chandigarh Club in Chandigarh on October 3.

– Tribune Chief News Editor retires. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006: 6.

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Banerjee, Mamata

Trinamool Congress leader, Mamata Banerjee, also a former Railway Minister, who has been facing a warrant of arrest in an old case of 1994, said she would better like to die than to surrender to "the CPI(M)'s conspiracy of eliminating the political rivals" by misuing the police and the government machinery.

– Mamata refuses to surrender before court. *Tribune. January* 06, 2006:20.

Ms Mamata Banerjee did not surrender on January 7 and the police did not arrest her and produce her before the SDJM, Barasat. The court again extended the deadline till February 27 and directed the police to arrest her and put her in lock-up for defying the court's order.

– Mamata dares Bengal CM. *Sunday Tribune.* January 08, 2006: 2.

Trinamol Congress chief Mamata Banerjee and about 100 workers and supporters, along with more than 10 MLAs were beaten up by the police and the Rapid Action Force while they were sitting on a dharna in front of the BDO office in Singur, Hooghly, about 50 km from in Kolkata.

– Mamata, TMC workers beaten up by cops. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 2.

Trinamool Congress chief, Mamata Banerjee was admitted to a nursing home following cardiac problems in Kolkata on September 28. She has been kept in ICU under close observation.

– Mamata hospitalised after chest pain. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 2.

Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on November 5 asked the Tatas to shift their proposed small car project from farmland in West Bengal's Singur and gave a 12-day ultimatum to the State Government to announce that industries would not be set up on agricultural land.

– Mamata asks Tatas to shift car project. *Tribune.* November 06, 2006:19.

Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee is officially still with the NDA. But it has not prevented her from cosying up to the Congress. And the Congress is reciprocating the gesture.

– Mamata cosying up to Sonia. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 6.

Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on December 3 gave a 24-hour ultimatum to Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee to stop the eviction of poor farmers at Singur by transferring their farmlands to Tata Motors or else she would begin "a fast unto death".

– Crisis in Left land. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 1.

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The incident coincided with Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee's beginning of fast unto death, demanding the withdrawal of the decision of transfer of farmland to the company, after the garlanding of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in the Dharamtolla area.

– Naxalites ransack Tata showroom. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 1.

The Chief Minister, Mr Budhadeb Bhattacharjee, who till on December 7 stuck to his stand of no talks with either Ms Mamata Banerjee or any other person on the Singur issue, on December 8 agreed to talk with Ms Banerjee. He sent a formal letter to her, requesting her to call off her fast and come to the negotiating table.

– Buddha invites Mamata for talks. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 2.

Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on December 9 developed some respiratory problems on the sixth day of her indefinite fast. Social activist Medha Patakar, along with at least 200 members and supporters of the Singur Kishi Bachao Committee, was arrested on December 9 while taking part in a procession in the city to protest against the Chief Minister's high-handedness.

– Mamata unwell; Patkar held. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 1.

Though Ms Banerjee, due to her continuous fasting, had now problems in the kidney functioning and blood circulation, still decided to continue her fast. The Governor, Mr Gopal Krishna Gandhi, again on December 12 appealed to her to call off the fast and come to the negotiating table with the Chief Minister.

– 'Singur farmers' join CPM rally. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006:2.

Former PM, Mr V.P. Singh, who went to Ms Mamata Banerjee's dharna manch on December 15, failed to persuade her to call off her hunger strike. The strike entered its 12th day on December 15. He invited her to join hands with him to launch a nationwide agitation for the farmers' cause.

– VP fails to get Mamata to break fast. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 2.

Suggesting an alternative to end the impasse, Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on December 16 said that the 500 acre land acquired 'forcibly' by the West Bengal Government should be returned, and the 450 acres of low land available adjacent to it should be utilised for the Tata small car project.

– Mamata suggests alternative. *Sunday Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 2.

In view of her fast deteriorating health conditions, the doctors have advised Ms Mamata Banerjee to call off the huger strike which entered its 14th day

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on December 17.

– Mamata's condition worsens as strike continues. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 2.

Shortly after the high court in Kolkata on December 20 directed the Trinamool Congress to withdraw its 48-hour West Bengal strike call from December 21, party chief Mamata Banerjee announced its postponement for the time being.

– Mamata puts off two-day strike. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 20.

The Prime Minister sent his request in a communication through Information and Broadcasting Minister P.R. Dasmunsi as his emissary to the Trinamool supremo at her sit-in Kolkata. Ms Banerjee, Mr Dasmunshi said, informed her that she had respect for the Prime Minister but "it is not possible for me to end my fast since there is no specific assurance from Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee to return the forcibly acquired land to farmers at Singur."

– PM proposes, Mamata disposes. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 1.

The NDA on December 27 decided to seek President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's intervention to save the life of Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee, who has been on an indefinite fast for the past 24 days in protest against the acquisition of fertile land for the Tata Motors project in Singur in West Bengal.

– NDA to ask Kalam to intervene in Singur. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006:1.

Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee may call off her hunger strike following a categorical assurance by the Cheif Minister, Mr Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, on the 25th day of her fast for reviewing the issue of transfer of a piece of land to Tata motors at Singur.

– Buddha bends on Singur. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 1.

Banerjee, Milon

Attorney-General Milon Banerjee has joined an illustraious club of jurists from India and abroad to be conferred the Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in London, a prestigious and oldest body of jurists established 600 years ago. With the conferring of the honour on Banerjee by the body recently, he joins the club of former President Shankar Dayal Sharma and former Chief Justice of India, M. Hidayatullah, who had been bestowed with the honour from India.

– Honour for Milon Banerjee. *Tribune.* January 09, 2006: 2.

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Banerjee, P.K.

India would take a very long time to reach the standards set by the major Asian football powers such as Japan, the think tank of the team said. "The difference in quality between the two teams is huge and we would need to work hard for a long period of time to reach that level," Indian team manager P.K. Banerjee told PTI in New Delhi.

– India way behind Japan: Banerjee. *Tribune.* February 25, 2006: 23.

Banerjee, Sudeep

Higher Education Secretary, Sudeep Banerjee, who is scheduled to retire later this month, is in the race for the position of Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU.

– Race for VC's post. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 11.

Banerjee, Sukumar

The West Bengal state BJP unit elected Mr Sukumar Banerjee as its president in place of Mr Tahagata Roy in Kolkata on November 19. Mr Sukumar Banerjee has been one of the senior member of the state BJP unit, along with Prof Bishnukanto Shastri, former Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

– Sukumar is WB BJP president. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 16.

Banerjee, U.C. (Justice)

Reiterating its interim findings to the extreme annoyance of the BJP, the Justice U.C. Banerjee Committee on March 3 said that the February 2002 fire in the S-6 coach of Sabarmati Express was "accidental and not deliberate". The Committee appointed by the Railway Ministry in September 2004 to probe the Godhra train fire in which 59 passengers, mostly Kar Sevaks returning from Ayodhya, were charred to death, on March 3 said that the fire in the coach was "accidental and not deliberate".

– Sabarmati coach fire accidental, says Banerjee. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006:1.

Charging Justice U.C. Banerjee with letting himself for "political manoeuvreing", the BJP on March 4 said the probe Committee's action in submitting the report had "played truant" with the judiciary.

– Banerjee panel used as tool: BJP. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 24.

In a severe indictment of the Justice U.C. Banerjee Committee on the Sabarmati train carnage, the Gujarat High Court on March 7 criticised it for "over-reaching the process of the court" by making the findings "public" and directed the authorities concerned not to "further publicise the report or to act upon it in any manner."

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– HC flays Banerjee panel for publicising report. *Tribune.* March 08, 2006: 24.

In a setback to the UPA government at the Centre and Railway Minister Lalu Prasad, the Gujarat High Court on October 13 quashed the appointment of the U.C. Banerjee Committee whose report negated the conspiracy theory behind the Godhra train carnage, holding it is "unconstitutional, illegal and void."

– Gujarat HC nullifies Banerjee Committee. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006:1.

Banerji, Supriya

Three Indians — Mr Roshan Seth, Ms Supriya Banerji and Mr Jag Mohan Puri — have been conferred the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for outstanding contribution in cementing Indo-British relations through business, education, theatre and film and television. The British High Commission said on September 28.

– Three Indians conferred Order of British Empire. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 2.

Bangar, K.C.

The Supreme Court on March 20 rejected the anticipatory bail application of former Haryana Public Service Commission, Chairman, K.C. Bangar, who is facing charges of corruption.

– Ex-HPSC Chairman's bail plea rejected. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 14.

Bansal, Manjeet

Manjeet Bansal, a senior lecturer of Giani Zail Singh College of Engineering and Technology, has been awarded the Bharat Jyoti Award for meritorious services in the field of education.

– Award for lecturer. *Tribune.* September 06, 2006: 4.

Bansal, Narendra Kumar (Prof)

Governor S.K. Sinha, in his capacity as Chancellor, Mata Vaishnodevi University, on November 23 extended Vice-Chancellor Prof Narendra Kumar Bansal's term for two years.

– VC gets two-year extension. *Tribune.* November 24, 2006: 6.

Bansal, Parkash

Parkash Bansal, a student of the Government Senior Secondary School, Sangrur, has topped the Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by the Punjab Technical University (PTU). The results of the test were declared in Jalandhar on June 12. A veterinary doctor's son. Parkash got 110 marks

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out of 120.

– Sangrur boy tops CET. *Tribune.* June 13, 2006: 4.

Bansal, V.K.

Mr V.K. Bansal has taken over as General Manager of the Bathinda unit of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL). Before his elevation to this post, he was working as Deputy General Manager (HR) at the Bathinda unit. Mr Bansal is an electrical engineering graduate from the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala. He joined the fertiliser unit in 1972.

– Bansal is GM of NFL. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006: 4.

Bansi Lal

The mortal remains of the architect of modern Haryana, former Chief Minister Bansi Lal, were on March 29 consigned to flames at his dusty hamlet where he was born almost eight decades ago. He had passed away around mid-night in a Delhi hospital.

– Thousands bid adieu to Bansi Lal. *Tribune.* March 30, 2006: 1.

The Haryana Council of Ministers, which met under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, in Chandigarh on March 30, mourned the death of former Chief Minister, Mr Bansi Lal and observed a two-minute silence.

– Bansi Lal's death mourned. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 19.

The "Rasam Pagri" ceremony of the former Chief Minister Bansi Lal was performed amidst a big crowd of leaders and admirers at the local municipal park on April 9.

– 'Rasam pagri' of Bansi Lal held. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 7.

The Delhi Police has locked the house in which the iron man of Haryana, Bansi Lal, spent his last years, following a dispute among his siblings.

– Bansi's house locked over family squabbles. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006:1.

Bant Singh

"They cannot cut through my spirit till I am alive," stated Bant Singh, at a massive rally, organised by the Bant Singh Jabar Kand Virodhi Action Committee, on March 3 at the Plaza, Sector 17. The rally was attended by thousands of workers from all over Punjab in support of Bant Singh and his crusade. "My limbs have been cut, but not my tongue and till I am alive, I will fight for the cause of the poor," he stated. Bant Singh, farm worker, was brutally attacked in January by seven armed men for avenging a legal battle fought by Bant Singh against certain influential persons from jat families.

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Bant Singh lost both his arms and one leg in the incident. The incident was in retaliation against the conviction of those who are guilty of rape of his daughter.

– Down, but not out; Bant Singh holds rally. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 3.

Bardhan, A.B.

As many as 97 persons were arrested on August 17 including former Prime Minsiter V.P. Singh, and CPI leader A.B. Bardhan when they tried to enter Uttar Pradesh to participate in the farmers' rally at Dadri at the site of the proposed Reliance power project. This takes the total of persons arrested to over 700 according to Principal Secretary (Home), S.K. Agarwal.

– V.P. Singh, Bardhan among 97 arrested. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 2.

Barnala, Gaganjit Singh

Gaganjit Singh Barnala, the sitting Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) MLA from Dhuri and son of Tamil Nadu Governor, Surjit Singh Barnala, was arrested on August 12 by the Chandigarh Police on a charge of rape.

– Barnala's son held on rape charge. *Sunday Tribune.* August 13, 2006:1.

A day after Gaganjit Singh Barnala was booked on the charges of rape, several new facts, or rather contradictions, have surfaced.

– New twists surface in rape case. *Tribune.* August 14, 2006: 1.

On being asked about the crime a number of people believed that Gaganjit was a courteous person and he could not indulge in such a shameful act. Some of them also saw a "conspiracy" behind the registration of a rape case against him to ruin his political career in the light of the ensuing Punjab Assembly elections. Mr Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, secretary-general of the SAD, told this correspondent that the SAD would form a fact-finding committee to find the truth behind the rape charge against Gaganjit.

– Rape case: SAD to form panel, says Dhindsa. *Tribune.* August 14, 2006:5.

Gaganjit Singh Barnala, arrested for raping a house maid in his Sector 3 MLA Flat on Saturday, was on August 14 remanded to 14 days' judicial custody after he was presented in a court following a day in police custody.

– Judicial remand for Gaganjit. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006: 5.

The high-profile rape case involving Gaganjit Singh Barnala, took a dramatic turn on December 15 following a volte face by the victim. The maid, who had alleged rape by the sitting MLA at his Sector 3 MLA flat, not only retracted her previous statements made before the police, but also feigned ignorance about the identity of the suspect.

– I was not raped: Maid. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 1.

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Barowalia, J.N. (Dr)

Dr J.N. Barowalia has joined as Secretary Law to the Government of Himachal. Earlier, he was Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice-cum-Registrar Rules, High Court of Himachal.

– J.N. Barowalia is Law Secretary. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 9.

Barsat, Harchand Singh

Mr Harchand Singh Barsat, political secretary to the Chief Minister, Capt Amrinder Singh, has resigned. Mr Barsat, who is a long-time political associate of Capt Amrinder Singh, has also returned his official vehicle to the Government. He has been one of the staunchest loyalists of Capt Amrinder Singh for two decades.

– Amarinder's PS quits. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 1.

Mr Harchand Singh Barsat, is back into action. He had resigned due to differences with the officials on certain matters, including non-acceptance of demands of various sections of employees and teachers of aided private schools.

– Barsat back with CM; talks with teachers today. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 3.

Mr Harchand Singh Barsat has resigned from the primary membership of the Congress party and also from the office he was holding in the organisation. Mr Barsat's name has been recommended for appointment as State Information Commissioner in the office of the Information Commission, Punjab.

– Barsat resigns from Cong. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 3.

Bartwal, Digambar Singh (Lieut-Gen)

Lieut-Gen Digambar Singh Bartwal on September 8 took over as Director-General Military Intelligence in place of Lieut-Gen Deepak Summanwar, who earlier has been asked to proceed on leave for seeking funds from the Army to shoot a film conceived by his wife. General Bartwal was commissioned in Jat Regiment in 1970.

– Bartwal assumes charge as DGMI. *Tribune.* September 09, 2006: 10.

Barua, Dibyendu

Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua scored a hard fought victory over International Master Perez Rodney of Cuba to take the joint lead after the seventh round of Hogeschool Zeeland International Open chess tournament in Vlissingen.

– Negi, Barua in joint lead. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 22.

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Barua, Jahnu

Jahnu Barua's critically acclaimed film "Maine Gandhi Ko Nahi Mara" won FIPRESCI award at the International Film Festival of Mumbai, organised by the Mumbai Academy of Moving Images (MAMI), which concluded in Mumbai on March 30.

– 'Maine Gandhi Ko Nahi Mara' gets award. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 24.

Baskaran, V.

Amid speculation of another unceremonious sacking of the national hockey coach, Olympain V. Baskaran was on April tipped to take over the reins of the struggling team, for the second time in six years.

– Baskaran tipped as new coach. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 18.

Batra, Hemant

Hemant Batra, who is Secretary-General of SAARCLAW, said that efforts were on by Pakistan lawyers to approach President, General Pervez Musharraf and lawmakers in order to seek clemency for Sarabjit Singh.

– Pak lawyers to take up Sarabjit case with Musharraf. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 3.

Batra, J.P.

Railway Board Chairman, J.P. Batra has been elected to the post of Chairman of the International Union of Railways, a Paris-based organisation for international cooperation among railways and promotion of rail transport mode. He is the first non-European to be elected for the prestigious assignment.

– Batra elected chief of global railways panel. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 2.

Bawa, R.S. (Dr)

Mr Varinder Pal Sharma, Finance and Development Officer, Guru Nanak Dev University, in a letter to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr S.P. Singh, stated that the Registrar had not paid taxes on non-monetary perks for the past three years.

– Non-payment of taxes by Registrar alleged. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006:8.

The PMT-2005, conducted by Guru Nanak Dev University last year, still haunts senior professors and officials of the varsity even as the Punjab and Haryana High Court has initiated proceedings under the Contempt of Court Act, 70/71, on the basis of the public interest litigation (PIL), filed by Dr Raghbir Singh, a senior Reader and Senator of the University. As per the

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notice, the court has directed Dr R.S. Bawa, University Registrar, to appear in the court on December 4 in person or through counsel to answer the charge and to file an affidavit at least seven days before the said date in support of his defence, if any.

– PMT muddle: Contempt proceedings against Registrar. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006:5.

Beant Kaur

Ms Beant Kaur, 88-year-old first woman pilot of India and the widow of late Air Vice-Marshal Harjinder Singh not only donated her ancestral house to the village, but also extended a grant of Rs 3 lakh for converting her "Beant Niwas" into a museum in the memory of her legendary husband, who had breathed his last in 1971.

– First woman pilot donates ancestral house to village. *Tribune.* February 27, 2006: 4.

Bedi, Gagandeep Singh

When tennis ace Roger Federer was playing cricket at Sardaar Sahib in Cuddalore District, Collector Gagandeep Singh Bedi was rescuing bonded labourers. Fifteen bonded labourers and five children have been rescued from a brick kiln in Kerala after a month of having walked into the trap. They were forced to work for 12 hours a day without pay or adequate food, far away from their home in a village near Vridhachalam in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu.

– DC Act: Freedom from bondage. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 1.

Bedi, Gurmit

Himachali litterateur Gurmit Bedi's story "Mausam" has been chosen by 'Sambodhan', a leading literary organisation of Rajasthan, for the prestigious award, Kathakar Samman-2006. The award will be presented in Jaipur.

– Kathakar Samman for state writer. *Tribune.* February 26, 2006: 9.

Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice)

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of four High Court chief justices, including Mr Justice Vijender Jain and Mr Justice H.S. Bedi as the Chief Justices of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Bombay High Court, respectively.

– Bedi named CJ of Mumbai HC. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 1.

The Punjab and Haryana HC acting Chief Justice Harjit Singh Bedi was on September 26 appointed as the Chief Justice of the Bombay HC. His appointment as the Chief Justice will be effective from the date he will

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assume charge of his new office, the Law Ministry on September 26 said.

– Bedi is CJ of Bombay HC. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 2.

Mr Justice H.S. Bedi, who was till recently Acting Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, on October 3 took over as Chief Justice of the Bombay HC, the biggest High Court in the country.

– Bedi takes over as Bombay High Court CJ. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006:1.

The Supreme Court collegium is learnt to have recommended the name of the Bombay High Court Chief Justice, Mr Justice Harjit Singh Bedi, for elevation as Judge of the Supreme Court.

– Bedi's name recommended for SC Judge. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006:20.

Bedi, Harmohinder Singh

Mr Harmohinder Singh Bedi, Professor, Hindi, Guru Nanak Dev University, has been chosen for the Best Citizens of India Award by a Delhi-based publishing house, Best Citizen Publishing House for his contribution in the field of Hindi language and literature. Dr Bedi has 30 books in Hindi and Punjabi to his credit.

– Honoured. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 4.

Bedi, J.S. (Dr)

A Delhi court on Monday granted bail to Chandigarh based Dr. J.S. Bedi who had allegedly issued a fake medical certificate to Vikas Gill, one of the accused in the Jessica Lall murder case.

– Delhi court grants bail to Chandigarh doctor. *The Hindu.* September 12, 2006: 4.

Bedi, Monica

Former Bollywood starlet Moniea Bedi extradited along with underworld don Abu Salem from Portugal last year after serving three-year jail term for travelling on forged passport, on May 1 moved the Supreme Court for bail in two cases of forgery in Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

– Monica Bedi moves SC for bail. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 20.

A special CBI court in Hyderabad on September 29 sentenced a former Bollywood actress and associate of underworld figure Abu Salem, Monica Bedi, to five years in prison for obtaining passport using a fictitious name and address.

– Monica Bedi gets 5 years in jail. *Tribune.* September 30, 2006: 2.

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Bedi, P.S.

Mr P.S. Bedi was unanimously re-elected President of the Delhi Race Club (DRC) at the 66th annual general meeting in New Delhi. A prominent sports administrator, Bedi was bestowed the Padma Shri this year for his contribution to sports, particularly his stewardship of the DRC for the past several years.

– Race Club chief. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 22.

Bedi, Raman

Prominent dentistry expert, Raman Bedi has been appointed Chairman of the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), which espouses the interests of South Asian doctors in Britain.

– Bedi heads UK physicians' body. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 13.

Begum, Sajida

Sajida begum (66), former MLA and wife of Nawab of Malerkotla Janab Ifthkharr Ali Khan, died at the Fortis Heart Institute, Mohali, on July 30 after a prolonged illness. She will be buried at the local graveyard on July 31. She joined the Congress in 1971 and remained the MLA of Malerkotla in 1972 and 1980. She was appointed general-secretary of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee in 1998 and AICC member in 2001.

– Sajida begum dead. *Tribune.* July 31, 2006: 20.

Beigh, Gufran Ullah (Dr)

Dr Gufran-Ullah Beigh receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain

The crisis within the ruling Congress-PDP coalition in Jammu and Kashmir deepened on August 31 night with the PDP president, Ms. Mehbooba Mufti, asking Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad to remove Mr. Muzaffar Beigh from the post of Deputy Chief Minister and appoint Mr. Abdul Aziz Zargar to the post.

– Mehbooba wants Dy CM changed. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006:1.

After four days of lull, senior PDP leader Muzaffar Hussain Beigh on September 2 announced to resign from the post of the Deputy Chief Minister and the State Cabinet, accusing party leadership of "deeply hurting" his sentiments.

– Beigh quits as J&K Deputy CM. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006:1.

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Dethroned Muzaffar Hussain Beigh is back in the PDP with a bang. He has been assigned the task of preparing a detailed document on self-rule which the PDP leadership believes can be a solution to the Kashmir issue.

– Beigh back with a bang, working on self-rule document. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 6.

Benegal, Shyam

Noted filmmakar Shyam Benegal, media magnate Shobhana Bhartia and eminent art historian Kapila Vatsayan were on February 17 nominated to Rajaya Sabha for a six-year term. They fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of leading jurist Falli S. Nariman, melody queen Lata Mangeshkar and columnist Cho Ramaswamy.

– Benegal, Bhartia nominated to RS. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 24.

Beniwal, Preeti

India's campaign in the fourth World Women's Boxing Championship got off to a disappointing start as Preeti Beniwal lost her preliminary bout in the 54 kg category to Poland's Karolina Michalczuk in New Delhi on November 18.

– Preeti loses opening bout. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006: 22.

Berlia, Sushma

PHDCCI Chief, Sushma Berlia said: There is need to have a common economic council of northern states in order to give a boost to their economy. It is essential to focus on the common economic interests of these states for trade within and outside.

– Need to have common economic council: PHDCCI chief. *Tribune.* February 23, 2006: 3.

Beteille, Andre

Objecting to the Government's proposal of implementing 27 per cent reservation for OBCs, two members of the National Knowledge Commission, Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Andre Beteille, on May 22 sent in their resignations to the Prime Minister.

– 2 quit PM's knowledge panel. *Tribune.* May 23, 2006: 1.

Bhagirath Singh

After initially declared fourth, India was adjudged the bronze medal winner in the team event, while Bhagirath Singh missed a podium finish by a whisker after finishing fourth in the individual event of the equestrian competition of the 15th Asian Games in Doha on December 8.

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– Horsemen win bronze. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 22.

Bhagwant Singh

Mr Bhagwant Singh (50), convener of the Kiranjit Katal Kand Action Committee and district president of the Democratic Teachers Front (DTF), died of brain haemorrhage February 12 night. He was cremated at Barnala on February 13.

– Kiranjit Katal Kand Action Committee leader dies. *Tribune.* February 14, 2006: 4.

Bhagwant Singh (Dr)

Dr Bhagwant Singh, a senior city-based dentist, was elected vice-president of the Asia Pacific Dental Federation/Asia Pacific Regional Organisation at the Asia Pacific Dental Congress held in Karachi, Pakistan, recently.

– Bhagwant Singh on Asia Pacific dental panel. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 5.

Bhagwat, Anjali

Top shooter, Anjali Bhagwat earned an Olympic quota place in women's 50 m rifle three position event at the ISSF World Cup at Resende in Brazil.

– Anjali qualifies for Olympics. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 19.

Bhagyaraj, K.

The ruling AIADMK in Tamil Nadu suffered a setback as one of the top directors in the Tamil film industry and a MGR loyalist K. Bhagyaraj on April 5 joined the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) camp.

– Top Tamil film director deserts AIADMK. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 2.

Bhajan Lal

Former Haryana CM and state Congress president, Bhajan Lal, has categorically stated that there is no question of his joining the BJP, as was being speculated.

– No plan to join BJP, says Bhajan Lal. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 7.

Haryana Congress stalwart Bhajan Lal has resigned from the post of PCC President to protest against the party high command ignoring his nominees while drawing up the list of members for the PCC executive. "Keeping in mind the unacceptable treatment meted out to the Congress workers by the Congress Party and the State Government, I resign from my post of President of the Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee as I cannot see the humiliation of the 'Aam Admi' — the grassroot Congress workers who are my family and for whom I can sacrifice my life", Mr Bhajan Lal wrote.

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– Bhajan Lal resigns as HPCC chief. *Sunday Tribune.* July 02, 006: 1.

Congress President Sonia Gandhi on July 3 accepted Mr Bhajan Lal's resignation from the presidentship of the Haryana PCC, a move which could intensify the simmering infighting in the State unit.

– Bhajan Lal's resignation accepted. *Tribune.* July 4, 2006: 1.

There is no proposal of inducting Congress leader Bhajan Lal into the Party and no such discussion had been held with him nor he (Bhajan Lal) had contacted the Party in this connection. If such a proposal comes a serious thought can be given to it".

– No move to induct Bhajan Lal into BJP: Ganeshi Lal. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006: 7.

Mr Bhajan Lal, who recently struck a rebellious note and resigned from the post of HPCC President, has been inducted in the PCC Executive as a Permanent Member. This was stated in a Press note issued in Chandigarh on July 7 by the HPCC Working President, Mr Ram Prakash.

– Bhajan PCC permanent member. *Tribune.* July 08, 2006: 7.

AICC sources said Mr Bhajan Lal gave the distinct impression that he was in no mood to carry forward his battle and was looking for an honourable settlement. The Haryana strongman is learnt to have made a case for his reinstatement as HPCC President and also assured the Party that his son, Lok Sabha MP Kuldeep Bishnoi, would be restrained from making any public statements against the Party.

– Bhajan Lal's peace overtures. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 1.

Setting aside all speculation, disgruntled Congress leader Bhajan Lal on November 18 said he would neither quit the Party, nor float an outfit.

– Will not quit Cong, says Bhajan. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006:7.

Bhakuni, Vinod (Dr)

Dr Vinod Bhakuni receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Bhambri, Yuki

Yuki Bhambri lived up to the expectations as he clinched the boys' singles and doubles crown at the ITF Under-14 Asian Championships in Thailand this week. Yuki, India's number one player in his category, won the singles title in Nonthaburi on April 6.

– Yuki Bhambri shines. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 22.

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Bhamjee, Sadera

Sadera Bhamjee, 56, was brutally murdered in her consulting room in the capital of South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province on Friday by unknown assailants, when her receptionist, Reshma Sookraj, was out for lunch.

– Indian-origin doctor murdered in South Africa. *Tribune.* June 06, 2006:9.

Bhandari, I.D.

Mr I.D. Bhandari, Inspector-General of Police, CID, has been awarded the President's Medal for distinguished service this year.

– President's Medal. *Tribune.* August 22, 2006: 9.

Bhandral, Vishal (Capt)

Capt Vishal Bhandral, who was killed in counter-terrorism action in village Samlar in Baramula district of Jammu and Kashmir on September 26, was cremated in New Delhi on September 28 with full military honours.

– Capt Bhandral cremated. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 2.

Bhanu, P.

The Editor, *Punjabi Tribune*, Sidhu Damadami, and Dr Satinder Noor released a Hindi novel 'Parbat Ki Beti' written by P. Bhanu. Lauding her maiden venture, Sidhu Damdami said the visionary author had captured the sentiments and the temperament of a mountain girl influencing at different phases of her life in all its manifestations.

– NRI writer's book released. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 3.

Bhanwar, Harbir Singh

Mr Harbir Singh Bhanwar, media adviser, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), on September 29 resigned from his post. He submitted his resignation to the management committee at New Delhi after serving for about six months.

– Bhanwar quits DSGMC. *Tribune.* September 30, 2006: 5.

Bhardwaj, Hans Raj

A delegation of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by convener George Fernandes on January 20 met President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and demanded the dismissal of Law Minister H.R. Bhardwaj for his questionable role in shielding Bofors scam accused Ottavio Quattrocchi.

– NDA seeks dismissal of Law Minister. *Tribune.* January 21, 2006: 18.

The Union Law Minister, Mr H.R. Bhardwaj, was on March 20 declared elected to the vacant seat in the Rajya Sabha from Haryana. Mr Bhardwaj,

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who had filed his papers on March 16, was elected unposed.

– Bhardwaj elected to RS from Haryana. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 7.

Bhardwaj, K.C. (Dr)

The Haryana Governor and Chancellor of Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa, Dr A.R. Kidwai, on July 24 appointed Dr K.C. Bhardwaj Vice-Chancellor of the university for three years. Dr Bhardwaj is a former Controller of Examinations and Registrar, MD University, Rohtak. He was also the Director, Distance Education, and Controller of Examinations, Guru Jambeshwar University, Hisar.

– Bhardwaj VC of Devi Lal varisty. *Tribune.* July 25, 2006: 7.

Bhardwaj, P.C. (Maj-Gen)

In an unusual case, the Delhi High Court has taken the General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, Maj-Gen P.C. Bhardwaj, to task for contempt of court in the case relating to summary court martial (SCM) of an army jawan.

– Major-General apologises in court in contempt case. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006: 1.

Bhardwaj, S.P. (Dr)

An Associate Director of the Regional Horticulture Research Centre, Mashobra, a sub-centre of Dr Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Dr S.P. Bhardwaj, has been suspended by the university on grounds of indiscipline.

– Top scientist suspended. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 9.

In an embarrassment to the university authorities, the 42-day suspension of the university's top scientist, Dr S.P. Bhardwaj, has been revoked after the medical board upheld the medical grounds cited by the scientist for his 86 days leave. Dr Bhardwaj had been suspended on October 28 after he failed to join at the main campus in spite of being posted there on September 1.

– Scientist's suspension revoked. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 14.

Bhargava, D.P.

Mr D.P. Bhargava has joined the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam as Executive Director of the 1500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydroelectric Project (NHPC) on deputation from the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation. A bachelor in electrical engineering from Roorkee University joined the NHPC in February, 1979, and served the organisation for about 27 years in various capacities.

– Director takes charge. *Tribune.* January 23, 2006: 10.

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Bhargava, Meher

Four criminals seriously injuring a mother-in-law when she objects to their passing obscene remarks at her daughter-in-law. Meher Bhargava, who symbolised the old "tehzeeb" of the city, was shot at on February 28 and died after remaining in a coma for nearly four weeks, but the real culprit is yet to be arrested. Only on March 29, after a full one month, could the police spot the suspected killer, Sachin Pahari, but he managed to escape. He is said to have been injured when policemen opened fire on him. Till then Sachin and his associates had been moving about in Lucknow free from the fear of law.

– Killing of Meher Bhargava. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 12.

The police will conduct an identification parade on April 3 of Sunny Rawat, accused of murdering Meher Bhargava on February 28.

– Identification parade in Meher case today. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 2.

Bhargava, Ravi Kamal

Mr Ravi Kamal Bhargava, a 1972 batch IAS officer, has taken over as the new Secretary-Generay of the NHRC. Before assuming charge, he was Additional Secretary in the Department of Justice, Ministry of Home Affairs.

– Bhargava new NHRC Secy-Gen. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 2.

Bharti, Heena

Patiala skater, Heena Bharti, an MBBS student of the local Medical College, has once again done her city proud by winning the overall trophy in the individual events in the speed skating category (seniors) in the 43rd National roller skating championship which concluded at Kolkata recently. Heena won two gold and one bronze medals.

– Heena shines. *Tribune.* February 02, 2006: 20.

Bharti, Uma

Former Madhya Pradesh CM, Uma Bharti, on January 27 announced setting up of a political party after 90 days and ruled out her return to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from where she was expelled for anti-party activities.

– Uma Bharti to float new party. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 2.

In the wake of announcement of Assembly elections in five states, expelled BJP leader Uma Bharti has said she had advanced her decision to announce the launch of her new party — from April 30 at Chitrakoot to March 21 so that members of the new political outfit could contest elections.

– Bharti advances date of launch of new party. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006:8.

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Uma Bharati has said that she will not spare her traducers who have maligned her and ridiculed her after she was expelled from the BJP.

– Uma to launch new party. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006: 2.

After her famous breakaway from the BJP and public condemnation of the top BJP brass, the mercurial sanyasin on March 21 staged a show of strength in Delhi, ahead of launching her new party next month which she said would be based on core Hindutva ideology.

– Uma shows her strength in Delhi. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 1.

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Uma Bharti on April 3 met the Election Commission to discuss her plans to launch a political party for which she needs recognition.

– Uma meets CEC. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 2.

Firebrand sanyasin and expelled BJP leader Uma Bharti is all set to formally float her political outfit at the holy city of Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh on April 30.

– Uma Bharti of float party today. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 2.

Uma Bharti on April 30 announced the launch of her political party and named it as Bharatiya Jana Shakti. The announcement was made at the famous Mahakaleshwar temple at 2.10 pm on the auspicious day of Akshay Tritya on April 30.

– Uma Bharti launches Bharatiya Jana Shakti. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 2.

"There is no question of my returning to a party (Bharatiya Janta Party) whose leadership is going the Jinnah way after discarding the Ram path," Ms Uma Bharti, president of the Bhartiya Janshakti Party said.

– No question of returning to BJP, says Uma Bharti. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 5.

Bharatiya Janashakti chief Uma Bharti should return to the BJP in the larger interest of herself and the country, a senior RSS ideologue said on Sunday. BJP should accept her with all due respect, M.G. Vaidya wrote in his weekly column published in local Marathi daily "Tarun Bharat".

– Uma advised to rejoin BJP. *Tribune.* November 13, 2006: 2.

Bhartia, Shobhana

Noted filmmakar Shyam Benegal, media magnate Shobhana Bhartia and eminent art historian Kapila Vatsayan were on February 17 nominated to Rajaya Sabha for a six year term. They fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of leading jurist Falli S Nariman, melody queen Lata Mangeshkar

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and columnist Cho Ramaswamy.

– Benegal, Bhartia nominated to Rs. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 24.

Bharucha, Chitra (Dr)

Dr Chitra Bharucha's assumption of the influential role of BBC Chairperson in January has been confirmed by the BBC and the British Government. She thus becomes the first Indian and first woman to head the largest broadcasting corporation in the world with a 26,000-strong staff in the UK alone, along with a budget of four billion pounds. She has made India proud.

– First Indian to head BBC. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 13.

Bhaskaran, Vasudevan

Continuing its hire-and-fire policy, the Indian Hockey Federation on April 3 sacked Rajinder Singh Junior and appointed Olympian Vasudevan Bhaskaran for yet another stint with the national team. Rajinder, who remained at the helm for one year, earned the dubious distinction of being the ninth coach to be shown the door by IHF supremo K.P.S. Gill.

– Bhaskaran appointed chief coach. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 18.

Bhatia, Ashish

Fortis Healthcare Ltd on February 6 announced the appointment of Mr. Ashish Bhatia as Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the Fortis Hospitals at Mohali and Amritsar Prior to his appointment, Mr Bhatia was Director, Administration, at Fortis Hospital, Mohali.

– Ashish is COO, Fortis hospitals. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 4.

Bhatia, G.S. (Prof)

Acclaimed Punjabi writer Prof G.S. Bhatia "Arif" breathed his last at PGI this on December 2. He had a cardiac arrest and had been on treatment since November 27. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

– Punjabi writer 'Arif' dead. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 4.

Bhatia, R.L.

Scotching all speculation for joining the electoral fray for the proposed Lok Sabha byelection for the Amritsar seat, the Governor of Kerala, Mr R.L. Bhatia, said he was not a candidate for the recently vacated parliamentary seat by BJP leader Navjot Singh Sidhu.

– Bhatia not in fray for LS byelection. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006: 20.

Bhatia, Sabeer

Sabeer Bhatia's latest IT venture — Nano City — will come up on 11,000 acres of land in the Barwala — Raipur Rani blocks of Panchkula. This

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project will be set up with an investment of Rs 12,000 crore.

– Decks cleared for Sabeer's IT venture. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006:3.

Bhatia, Sanjay

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) said on December 26 it has elected Mr Sanjay Bhatia as its new president. Mr Bhatia, currently the Managing Director of Hindustan Tin Works Ltd, took over the charge from Ms Sushma Berlia at the chamber's 101st annual general meeting (AGM) in New Delhi.

– PHDCCI chief. *Tribune.* December 27, 2006: 17.

Bhatnagar, K.K.

Mr K.K. Bhatnagar, an IAS officer of the 1970 batch, has been appointed Financial Commissioner (Revenue) of Punjab. The post, considered to be the most important after that of the Chief Secretary in the state's administrative set-up, fell vacant on December 31, when Mrs Rupen Deol Bajaj retired.

– Bhatnagar appointed FC (Revenue). *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 14.

Bhatnagar, Shelly

The police on December 4 arrested Mrs Shelly Bhatnagar, wife of an HAS officer, wanted in the HP-CPMT case. She had been evading arrest for the past quite some time.

– Paper leak: HAS officer's wife held. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 9.

Bhatnagar, Shivani

The Delhi Police on July 19 moved the Supreme Court to challenge the Delhi High Court order for showing Shivani Bhatnagar murder case diary to prime accused former Haryana IG to know the contents of her husband's statement to police.

– Shivani case: police challenges HC order. *Tribune.* July 20, 2006: 20

Bhatt, Mahesh

A shooter of the Ravi Pujari gang on June 14 opened fire at film maker Mahesh Bhatt's office at Juhu in suburban Mumbai this afternoon. The police said the gunman arrived on a motorcycle at his office and asked for the film-maker. When told that he was not in, the gunman fired one round on the ground before escaping.

– Firing at Mahesh Bhatt's office. *Tribune.* June 15, 2006: 2.

The chorus against the police action is being led by filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt whose colleague-choreographer Hammed Khan was summoned for

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questioning after he returned from an assignment in Dubai. "None of the Hindus in the group were questioned, only Khan, it is clear that Muslims are being targeted," Bhatt said.

– Mahesh Bhatt leads Muslim protest. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 20.

The police on November 26 beefed up security at the residence of film-maker Mahesh Bhatt after three men broke into his house in suburban Bandra and threatened the inmates with knives.

– Intruders break into Bhatt's house. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 2.

Bhatt, O.P.

Mr O.P. Bhatt, managing Director of the SBI, was on June 30 appointed Chairman of the bank, an official announcement said. Mr Bhatt replaces Mr A.K. Purwar who retired as Chairman of the country's largest commercial bank on May 31.

– O.P. Bhatt new SBI Chairman. *Tribune.* July 01, 2006: 21.

Bhatt, Vishwa Mohan (Pt)

Pt Vishwa Mohan Bhatt is among the few Indian instrumentalists who have played extensively with western musicians. Known for the flexibility of his rendition, he created history by winning the Grammy when he teamed up with the American guitarist Ry Cooder for the fusion album "A Meeting by the River".

– Making music for the world. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 4.

Bhattacharjee, Buddhadeb

Before the arrival of US President George W. Bush to India, a controversy has been created over Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's public statement against Mr Bush vis-a-vis US Ambassador to India David C. Mulfor's sending a protest note to the Chief Minister, which political observers fear might embitter the Indo-US friendly relations. Mr Bhattacharjee, while criticising the US aggressive policy on Iraq and Iran's stand, described Mr Bush as "the captain of an organised gang of killers", which prompted the Ambassador to send a letter to the Chief Minister protesting his "disparaging remarks" against their President.

– Row over Bhattacharjees remarks against Bush. *Tribune.* February 13, 2006: 2.

The CPM-led 44-member seventh Left Front government, headed by Mr Budhadeb Bhattacharjee, was sworn in on May 18. The Governor, Mr Gopal Krishna Gandhi, administered the oath of offices to the Chief Minister and the ministers.

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– Budhadeb sworn in CM. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 2.

Bhattacharjee, Tara Gandhi

Ms Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, grand daughter of Mahatma Gandhi, has been appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

– Mahatma's kin is Vice-Chairperson of Gandhi samiti. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 2.

Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur

A local court on November 18 summoned the court record pertaining to the alleged misappropriation of Rs 20 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund during Mrs Rajinder Kaur Bhattal's brief tenure as the Chief Minister of Punjab..The next date of hearing has been fixed for November 23.

– Court record sought in Bhattal case. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006: 3.

Even as the Punjab Government has moved an application for withdrawal of the case of alleged corruption against Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab, Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, the complainant in the matter, Mr Balwant Singh Dhillon, has now approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court, seeking cancellation of bail granted to her in view of threats being held out to him against pursuing the matter.

– Cancel Bhattal's bail, complainant to HC. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006:4.

Bhatti, J.S.

The Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana has suspended the licence of Punjab and Haryana High Court advocate J.S. Bhatti for allegedly misbehaving with members of a disciplinary committee constituted by the Bar Council.

– Advocate Bhatti's licence suspended. *Tribune.* March 01, 2006: 3.

Punjab and Haryana High Court advocate J.S. Bhatti, whose licence was suspended by the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana for alleged misbehaviour with the members of a disciplinary committee, on March 1 levelled serious allegations against Bar Council Secretary, Ashok Singla, who was heading the disciplinary committee.

– Advocate Bhatti levels allegations. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 3.

The Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana on March 2 claimed that advocate J.S. Bhatti, whose licence to practice law has been suspended for allegedly misbehaving with members of a disciplinary committee constituted by it, had a history of alleged professional misconduct.

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– Bar Council chief briefs Press about Bhatti row. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 3.

Bhatti, Rajwinder Singh

On Independence Day, Mr Bhatti was awarded President's Police Medal for meritorious services. A recipient of the Bhuvananda Memorial Trophy for being the second best probationer at Police Academy, Mr Bhatti had a three year stint in Chandigarh as SP, Anti-Corruption Bureau, CBI.

– Another honour for police officer. *Tribune.* August 25, 2006: 5.

Bhawani Singh (Justice)

The Lok Ayukta is not a toothless institution, asserts Justice Bhawani Singh who took over as the sixth Lok Ayukta of Himachal Pradesh on May 5. "The purpose of the institution is not to instil fear in the minds of public servants but to ensure probity in public life which is essential for maintaing the confidence of public in the system in a democratic set-up."

– Lok Ayukta not toothless: Bhawani. *Sunday Tribune.* May 07, 2006: 9.

Bhayana, S.L. (Judge)

The process for the elevation of Delhi Additional Sessions Judge S.L. Bhayana to the Delhi HC must have started a long time ago. Possibly, he has the requisite merit and seniority. But coming as it does at a time when he has delivered a highly controversial judgement in the Jessica Lall murder case which has shocked the whole national, this promotion has raised many eyebrows.

– Jessica killed, accused freed, judge promoted. *Tribune.* February 28, 2006: 12.

The efforts of a noted criminal lawyer and former Supreme Court Bar Association Secretary to secure an order for restraining Jessica Lall murder case judge to take oath as a Judge of the Delhi High Court on February 28, failed on February 27 as the apex court refused to entertain a plea in this regard.

– Plea to restrain Bhayana taking oath rejected. *Tribune.* February 28, 2006: 15.

Bheora, Paramjit Singh

In a major breakthrough, three Babar Khalsa terrorists, including its India operations chief, Paramjit Singh Bheora, who was involved in the assassination of Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh, were arrested in north-west Delhi early on March 20 morning.

– Bheora, 2 other Babars arrested. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

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Shaken out of slumber, the Punjab Police is on an arresting spree. As many as at least a dozen accomplices of alleged militant Paramjit Singh Bheora have been taken into custody from various parts of the State during the past two days.

– Punjab Police interrogates Bheora. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 3.

Bhim Singh (Prof)

With a call for the restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir, the 22-day-long 'Bhim yatra' led by the Panthers Party chief, Prof Bhim Singh, concluded at the historic Lal Chowk in Srinagar on December 23. It had started from Delhi's Red Fort on December 2 and passed through Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and different parts of this trouble torn state before reaching its destination.

– Involve Kashmiris in peace process: Bhim Singh. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 6.

Bhinder, P.S.

'Shradhanjali and Kritan' programme organised in memory of Member of Parliament from the district, Ms Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder, in Gurdaspur on December 24 turned out to be a political event. Supporters of Ms Bhinder demanded that her husband, Mr P.S. Bhinder a former DGP, be nominated to the Rajya Sabha.

– Supporters want RS membership for Bhinder's husband. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 20

Bhinder, Sukhbans Kaur

Rajay Sabha member and former Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Tourism Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder died in a city hospital in New Delhi after a prolonged illness. Ms Bhinder, 63, was admitted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital on Sunday.

– Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder dead. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 1.

PM Manmohan Singh has mourned the demise of Rajya Sabha member Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder. Mrs Bhinder who breathed her last at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital on Friday, was cremated at the Lodhi crematorium in New Delhi on December 16.

– PM mourns Bhinder's death. *Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 24.

Bhiwandiwalla, Mubina

Mubina Bhiwandiwalla, adopted sister of Tiger Memon who is the prime accused in the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts case, and three others were found guilty by the special court set up under the Terrorism and Disruptive Activities

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Act.

– Mubina guilty. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 1.

Bhopinder Banta Singh

Bhopinder Banta Singh of Chandigarh emerged the fastest woman of Asia in the 75-plus category when she rewrote the Asian record in the 100-metre sprint in the 27th National Masters Athletic Championship that concluded in Pondicherry on Friday. Bhopinder clocked 19.77 seconds to break the record of 20.67 seconds set by Morita Mitsu of Japan at Okinawa (Japan) in the 75-80 age-group in 1998.

– Bhopinder sets Asian record. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 21.

Bhopinder Banta Singh of Chandigarh won the gold in 100m in the 75+ category at the 14th Asian Masters Athletic Championship held in Bangalore from November 14 to 19. She took 18.7 sec to complete the race bettering her own Asian record of 19.7 seconds set in Pondicherry in June this year.

– 75-plus Bhopinder breaks her 100m record. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 19.

Bhopinder Singh (Lieut-Gen-Retd)

Lieut-General Bhopinder Singh (retd), a resident of Burail village in Chandigarh, has been appointed Lieut-Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

– Ex-general from UT is Lt-Governor. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 5.

Bhullar, D.S.

As the Punjab Government has decided not to move the SC against Mr D.S. Bhullar, a former Additional Director-General of Punjab Police, he is set to be promoted as Director-General of Police with retrospective effect.

– Acquitted Bhullar to get rank of DGP. *Tribune.* January 20, 2006: 4.

Bhullar, Davinder Pal Singh

As the mercy plea for Parliament attack convict Mohammad Afzal gained momentum, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on October 4 pressed for clemency for Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar, who is on the death row in connection with 1993 bomb blasts outside the office of the Indian Youth Congress in the Capital. Eleven persons were killed and then IYC president Maninder Singh Bitta was injured in the blast.

– SAD seeks clemency for Bhullar. *Tribune.* October 05, 2006: 2.

The Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee on October 18 asked the BJP to clearly spell out their position on Davinder Singh Bhullar, who is

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facing death row in connection with the 1993 bomb blast outside the Indian Youth Congress office in New Delhi, which killed 11 persons and seriously injured the then IYC president Maninder Singh Bitta.

– Clear stand on death row convict: DSGMC to BJP. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 20.

A local court on December 1acquitted militant Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar, alleged main accused in the September 1991 attack on Sumedh Singh Saini, IG, Punjab Police. The Additional Sessions Judge, Mr R.S. Baswana, acquitted the militant for lack of evidence and weak presentations by the prosecution.

– Attack on Sumedh Saini: Devinder Bhullar acquitted. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006: 3.

Bhullar, Gaganjeet

Gaganjeet Bhullar staved off a stiff challenge from Himmat Rai and Manav Jaini to emerge triumphant at the Royal Challenge Northern India Amateur Golf Championship played at the par-72 Classic Golf Resort in Gurgaon on Friday.

– Bhullar wins golf title. *Sunday Tribune.* July 30, 2006: 22.

Gaganjeet Bhullar carded a final round of one-over 73 to clinch the Royal Challenge Golden Greens Amateur title at the Par-72 Golden Greens Golf & Country Club in Gurgaon on August 12.

– Bhullar clinches golf title. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 22.

Eighteen-year-old Gaganjeet Bhullar of Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, leads the field as top amateurs of the country fight it out for the Royal Challenge Samarvir Sahi Amateur Golf Championship which gets under way on the greens of the Chandigarh Golf Club in Chandigarh on November 21.

– Gaganjeet starts favourite. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 18.

It was Gaganjeet Bhullar's day. This 18-year-old boy from Kapurthala removed the four-stroke cushion under Anirban Lahiri's head as he bounced back to clinch the Royal Challenge Samarvir Sahi Amateur Golf title in a fight to the finish on the lush course of the Chandigarh Golf Club in Chandigarh on November 24.

– Gaganjeet lifts Samarvir trophy. *Tribune.* November 25, 2006: 22.

Bhullar, Gurjot Singh

Squadron Leader Gurjot Singh Bhullar, who flies an IAF Mi-8 helicopter, has been awarded the Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) this year on the occasion

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of Independence Day, 2006 for his performance during flood relief operations in Karnataka.

– Sq Ldr Bhullar gets VSM. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006: 20.

Bhullar, Shingara Singh

The Punjabi Tribune Editor, Mr Shingara Singh Bhullar, was accorded a warm farewell on completion of his term in Chandigarh on July 31. He retired after 24 years of service in the Punjabi Tribune. Mr Bhullar was serving as the Editor from the past more than three years.

– Farewell to Punjabi Tribune Editor. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 8.

Bhupathi, Mahesh

Mahesh Bhupathi captured his 10th Grand Slam title and third mixed doubles crown on the trot after he won the Australian Open title with Switzerland's Martina Hingis in Melbourne on January 29.

– Bhupathi wins 10th Grand Slam title. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 1.

Tennis ace Mahesh Bhupathi teamed up with Mario Ancic of Croatia to tame the Hyung-Taik Lee-Yeu-Tzou Wang pair in straight sets to storm into the second round of the $ 475,000 China Open in Beijing.

– Bhupathi-Ancic win. *Tribune.* September 14, 2006: 19.

Mahesh Bhupathi and his Croatian partner Mario Ancic outplayed Michael Berrer of Germany and Kenneth Carisen of Denmark 6-4, 6-3 to win the men's doubles title at the $ 475,000 Beijing Open in Beijing on September 17 night.

– Mahesh-Ancic win Beijing title. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 20.

Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi have signalled the end of their partnership, which has fetched them three Grand Salm titles. "Honestly our story is the biggest tragedy that has ever happened to Indian sport and I say that I am glad that this tragedy ended on a high note with a gold in the Asian Games," he said.

– End of the road. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 22.

Bhupender Singh, Thakur

Lt. Gen Thakur Bhupender Singh (retd) was sworn in Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission in Shimla on October 5.

– Gen Bhupender Singh sworn in HPPSC chief. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 8.

Bhupinder Singh

Bhupinder Singh, a student of Government Polytechnic, Hoshiarpur, won

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the folksong contest, while Jagpreet Singh from Amritsar and Harsimranjit Singh from Ferozepore won the second and third prizes, respectively in this contest.

– Bhupinder wins folk-song contest at youth fest. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006:4.

Bhutia, Baichung

Mercurial striker Baichung Bhutia, though struggling with injury, was on February 13 named captain of the 24-member Indian team for the AFC Asia Cup qualifying round match against Japan to be played at Yokohama on February 22.

– Bhutia to lead. *Tribune.* February 14, 2006: 19.

A district judge on April 6 issued an arrest warrant against soccer star Baichung Bhutia for failing to appear before the court to identify an alleged thief who stole his luggage in a train.

– Arrest warrant against Bhutia. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 19.

Despite being pipped by Dempo's Ranty Martins in the NFL goal-scoring charts, Baichung Bhutia has been adjudged the best player of the 10th ONGC National Football League.

– Bhutia declared NFL's best player. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 22.

Mohan Bagan star Bhaichung Bhutia was suspended on Wednesday for three matches of the Super Division soccer league for arguing with the referee and refusing to leave the field after he was shown red card during a match against archrivals East Bengal last month.

– Visakha eases out Parul. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 20.

Bikram Singh, O.

Railways rider O. Bikram Singh held his nerves in the climatic stages to win the gold in the 90 km mass start race for senior men in the 11th Hercules National Road Cycling Championship held at Ramgarh village, near Kurukshetra on February 13.

– Bikram completes golden double. *Tribune.* February 14, 2006: 19.

Bilimoria, Karan

NRI entrepreneur Karan Bilimoria, founder and CEO of Cobra Beer, has been honoured with the 'Man of the Year' award at the 2006 UK Drinks Business Awards. Bilimoria's Cobra Beer also won the highly coveted Business Excellence Award for the second year running.

– Karan Bilimoria. *Tribune.* May 25, 2006: 17.

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Bimoljit Singh, M.

India fetched its lone medal in wushu competition as M. Bimoljit Singh won a bronze though he suffered a humiliating defeat in the semifinals of men's 60 kg category at the Asian Games in Doha on December 13.

– Bimoljit wins wushu bronze. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 22.

Bindra, Abhinav

Indian shooters fired on target on the opening day of the event clinching three gold and one silver medal from the five pair events at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 17. Gagan Narang and Abhinav Bindra won the gold in the men's 10m air rifle pairs events, in the process setting a new games record with a total of 1189. Their women counterparts Tejaswini Sawant and Avneet Kaur Sidhu also grabbed the yellow metal aggregating 791 at the Wellsford Rifle Range at Bendigo.

– Indian shooters steal the show. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 1.

It was a day of cheers for India with the shooters grabbing three gold and the men's table tennis team scripting history by crowing themselves champion at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 20.

– Golden day for India at C' wealth Games. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

Two years ago, he made it to the final at the Athens Olympics. Anbdhe had done it again at the 49th ISSF World Championships at Zagreb, Croatia, where he clinched the gold in the 10 m air rifle event on Monday and qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

– Abhinav silences critics. *Tribune.* July 27, 2006: 19.

India's ace shooter and air rifle world champion Abhinav Bindra will receive suport from the Mittal Champions Trust, run by global steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal. Abhinav is the first Indian shooter to be supported by the trust.

– Mittal Trust to support Abhinav. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 19.

Bindra, I.S.

Former BCCI President I.S. Bindra will head an 11-member committee, including Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev, which will suggest ways and means for optimum utilisation of the cricket board's resources.

– Gavaskar, Kapil on BCCI's panel. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 22.

Taking serious note of the double standards adopted by the International Cricket Council (ICC) while dealing with players from the subcontinent and those from other countries, Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) president I.S. Bindra called the supreme cricketing body a "hypocrite".

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– Bindra decries ICC's 'hypocrisy'. *Sunday Tribune.* October 15, 2006:22.

Bindra, Monish

Monish Bindra gave sixth seed Rafick Ali a stiff ride when he squeezed home to a win with a birdie on the 18th in the first round of the Rs 12 lakh SRF All-India Matchplay Golf Championship at the Delhi Golf Course in New Delhi on April 11.

– Monish wins. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 18.

Bindra, Poonam

Ms Poonam Bindra, a social worker of Ludhiana, who has been nominated as life member of the Indian Council of Child Welfare from Punjab.

– *Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 4.

Bir Devinder Singh

Kharar MLA Bir Devinder Singh, who is an eloquent debater, was unanimously nominated as the best Parliamentarian of the 12th Vidhan Sabha. This was annoucned by Speaker Kewal Krishan in the Assembly in Chandigarh on September 19. A function would be held soon to felicitate him.

– Bir Devinder is best Parliamentarian. *Tribuna.* September 20, 2006: 6.

Birinderjit Singh

The Punjab Government has appointed Mr Birinderjit Singh as a member - secretary of the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) for period of one year.

– Birinderjit Singh made PPCB. *Sunday Tribune.* October 08, 2006: 5.

Birla, Kumar Mangalam

Birla family patriarch Basant Kumar Birla on February 14 said two of his companies, Century Textiles and Century Enka, would go to grandson, Kumarmangalam Birla, as per his succession plan but for the time being the companies will be under his control.

– Kumarmangalam to get Century Textiles and Enka. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006: 17.

Mr Kumar Mangalam Birla has been named Chairman of the Board of Idea Cellular that has been reconstituted with the combined holding of Aditya Birla Group at 98.3 per cent.

– Idea Chairman. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006: 17.

Tata Steel Ltd said on August 16 that Kumar Mangalam Birla has tendered his resignation as a Director of the company. Birla had earlier resigned as a

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non-executive independent Director from the Board of Maruti Udyog Ltd after a three-year tenure in July.

– Kumar Birla quits Tata Steel, Maruti Board. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006:19.

Birmi, Malkiat Singh

The Punjab CM, Capt Amarinder Singh, on June 19 removed the Chief Parliamentary Secretary (CPS), Mr Malkiat Singh Birmi, on the direction given by the party high command. Mr Birmi, who was elected from the Ludhiana (rural) constituency, was holding the charge of Jails Department as CPS.

– Punjab CM sacks Chief Parliamentary Secretary. *Tribune.* June 20, 2006:1.

Bishnoi, Kuldeep

The Congress on June 13 issued a show-cause notice to Haryana Lok Sabha MP Kuldeep Bishnoi for criticising the Hooda government on the SEZ, setting the stage for a prolonged factional battle in the state unit.

– Cong issues notice to Bhajan's son. *Tribune.* June 14, 2006: 2.

Biswajit

A popular hero of 60s, Biswajit will be the chief guest at Rafi Nite to be organised by Yaadgar-e-Rafi Society, Chandigarh, on December 23, at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh.

– Biswajit to give away Rafi awards. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 15.

Biswas, Anil

The CPM Politburo member, Anil Biswas, who was also the party's state secretary in Bengal, died on March 26 at 5.25 pm after remaining in coma since March 18 following massive cerebral stroke. He was 62 and is survived by his wife and lone daughter.

– CPM leader Biswas dead. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 1.

Biswas, Asit K. (Prof)

India-born scientist Asit Biswas was on March 22 awarded the $150,000 Stockholm Water Prize for his "outstanding and multifaceted" contribution to the issue of global water resources. The 67-year-old Canadian citizen is president of the Mexico City-based Third World Centre for Water Management.

– Stockholm Water Prize for India-born scientist. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 9.

Indian origin scientist Asit K. Biswas, a tireless water proponent who

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constantly challenges the status quo, received the 2006 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate (SWP) known as the Nobel prize in environment. Biswas, an Indian-born Canadian and president of the Mexico City-based Third World Centre for Water Management, received the award from Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden at a ceremony in Stockholm City Hall.

– Indian-origin scientist gets top environment prize. *Sunday Tribune.* August 27, 2006: 11.

Biswas, Indranil (Dr)

Dr Indranil Biswas receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Biswas, Soma

Indian women athletes picked two silver and a bronze medal at the Asian Games in Doha on December 9 with help of athletes Soma Biswas and J.J. Shobha finishing second and third, respectively, and half-miler Santhi Soundarajan ending up second.

– Soma, Shobha, Santhi. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 22.

Bodh, Chering Norbu (Subedar)

Subedar Chering Norbu Bodh, who scaled Mount Everest twice, was awarded the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Award-2005 by the President on August 29. He has earlier been decorated with the Shaurya Chakra. Subedar Bodh scaled the world's highest peak in 2001 and 2005, a statement issued in Chandigarh on August 29 said. He has achieved the distinction to become the only Indian to have scaled five peaks of heights over 8,000 metres.

– Subedar Bodh honoured. *Tribune.* August 30, 2006: 3.

Bopanna, Rohan

Rohan Bopanna matched Roger Federer stroke for stroke before bowing to the world number one's might in the first round of the $ 800,000 Gerry Weber Open men's tennis championships in Halle (Germnay) on Juen 15.

– Boppanna desnies easy win to Federer. *Tribune.* June 15, 2006: 21.

Bose, Amar Gopal

Indian-Americans are not just climbing the corporate ladder but also taking the elevator to the richie rich club, leaving behind many US corporate moguls, including those from Starbucks, eBay and Motorola. Google Inc. founder-director Kavitark Ram Shriram and Bose Corporation Chairman Amar Gopal Bose have both moved up the rankings in the list of Forbes' 400 richest Americans.

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– 2 Indians shine in Forbes list of richest Americans. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 19.

Bose, Biman

A CPM Politburo member, Mr Biman Bose, who is also the Left Front chairman, was on March 31 declared the successor to the late Anil Biswas, who died on March 26, as the party's state secretary.

– Biman Bose new CMP state secy. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 2.

Brar, Harbhajan Singh

An emergency meeting of the Sai Mian Mir International Foundation (SMMIF), in Amritsar on November 10 removed Mr Harbhajan Singh Brar, founder President of the Indian chapter and elected Dr Manjit Singh Bhoma the new chief of Foundation.

– President of Sai Mian Mir Foundation removed. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 4.

Brar, Irina

Irina Brar has done it again. Yes this MA-I student of local DAV College emerged as the queen of the course when she clinched the 89th All-India Ladies Amateur Golf title at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club on Saturday.

– Irina returns as queen of the course again. *Tribune.* January 31, 2006: 18.

The reigning golf queen of the country has been shunted out from the Asian Games team without a fair trial. Yes, Chandigarh's golf icon Irina Brar, five times national amateur champion — 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005 — has been sidelined by the Indian Golf Union Ladies Section (IGULS) while naming the team for the Doha Asiad.

– No place for Irina in Asiad team. *Tribune.* November 25, 2006: 22.

Discarded from the Indian golf team for the Doha Asian Games, Chandigarh's golf icon Irina Brar clinched her first pro circuit title and pocketed her first cash prize of Rs 74,000 at the Golden Greens in Gurgaon.

– Irina enters pro circuit with a bang. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 19.

Brar, Jagmeet Singh

Mr Jagmeet Singh Brar, a senior Congress leader who was virtually sidelined in Punjab politics by the big guns of the ruling party in the State a few months ago, was on January 23 given prominence by the party high command at the 82nd plenary session of the All-India Congress Committee in Hyderabad.

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– Jagmeet Brar gets prominence at Hyderabad session. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 4.

"I have taken up the matter with the Congress Party President. I have written to her and said that Mr Jagmeet Brar has no business to speak against the Punjab Government," pointed out Capt Amrinder.

– CM writes to Sonia against Jagmeet. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006:4.

Senior Congress leader Jagmeet Brar made his presence felt by marking himself absent at the Punjab Vikas Yatra.

– Jagmeet stays away from CM's yatra. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006:4.

Former Lok Sabha Member, Jagmeet Singh Brar, a known critic of Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, was pulled up by Mr Janaradan Dwivedi, AICC general secretary in charge of Punjab, for openly speaking out against the State leadership. Mr Brar was specifically told to refrain from going public with his criticism and to work closely with other State leaders for next year's election.

– Two raps: For Brar & Amarinder Singh. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006:1.

Brar, N.S. (Lt-Gen)

Lt-Gen N.S. Brar on April 1 assumed command of Chetak Corps in Bathinda. An alumnus of the RIMC, Dehra Dun and NDA, Gen Brar was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in 1969. He is an experienced Army aviation helicopter pilot and a qualified instructor in gunery. He has served twice in the Perspective Planning Directorate of Army Headquarters, dealing with long-term Army plans.

– Lt-Gen Brar takes over command of Chetak Corps. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 4.

Brijendra Singh, Raja

The scion of the erstwhile state of Chamba, Raja Brijendra Singh, died at Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi at 1.45 afternoon on April 16. Born on January 24, 1951, Brijendra was admitted to Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi on April 14 night when his gastric ulcer burst.

– Scion of Chamba dead. *Tribune.* April 17, 2006: 13..

Brijendra Singh, who died on April 16 due to cardiac arrest in new Delhi, was the husband of Mrs Asha Kumari, MLA from Banikhet.

– CM attends 'kirya' of Brijendra Singh. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 19.

Brijeshwar Singh

Mr Brijeshwar Singh is the new CEO of Prasar Bharati. Mr Singh, Director-

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General, All-India Radio, assumes the new office as additional charge, succeeding Mr Navin Kumar, whose term as DG, Doordarshan and acting CEO, Prasar Bharati ended on August 22.

– Prasar Bharati CEO. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 20.

Buddhia Singh

Child marathon prodigy Buddhia Singh on May 2 literally ran into Limca Book of Records by covering a distance of 65 km in a time of 7.02 hours even though he failed to complete the targeted 70 km distance.

– Marathon prodigy Buddhia Singh enters Limca Book of Records. *Tribune.* May 03, 2006: 18.

Under attack from various human rights organisations for making four-and-a-half-year-old Buddhia Singh run a gruesome 65-km marathon, CRPF Director-General J.K. Sinha has sought a report into the incident from the force's Orissa unit.

– CRPF Director seeks report on Buddhia issue. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006:22.

Expressing shock over four-and-half-year-old Budhia Singh's marathon run, former sprint queen P.T. Usha on May 9 said it amounted to risking the boy's life and wanted the Orissa Government to go ahead with restraining him from attempting such long-distance in future.

– Restrain Budhia from running: P.T. Usha. *Tribune.* May 10, 2006: 18.

Bukhari, Syed Ahmed

The Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, Syed Ahmed Bukhari, was barely 100m away from the water tank where the second blast occurred inside the mosque. The Imam was in a room along with members of the Jama Masjid Mushawarat Committee when the first blast took place. He rushed out of his room and reached the site of the blast. When he was nearing the spot, another explosion took place.

– Close shave for Shahi Imam. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 1.

A scuffle broke out between supporters of Shahi Imam, Syed Ahmed Bukhari and journalists outside the Race Course Road residence of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on April 18, as the Imam was leaving without answering questions from reporters.

– Scuffle between scribes and Imam's men at PM's residence. *Tribune.* Apri11 19, 2006: 20.

Bumrah, Simple Kaur

Another controversy has hit Indian weightlifting with woman lifter Simple

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Kaur Bumrah alleging that the coach at the ongoing Commonwealth Games prevented her from winning a gold. Kaur won the silver in 75-kg category in which compatriot Geeta Rani clinched the gold with a games record. But the Punjab girl claimed that she could have done better if not for a "situation" created by the coach.

– Coach let me down: Simple. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 22.

Burman, Ratan Chand

The patriarch of the Rs 15-billion Dabur India group, Ratan Chand Burman, died in New Delhi late on May 19 after a prolonged illness, family sources said on May 20. The 81-year-old Burman was the grandson of the group's founder, S.K. Burman, and was its chairman in the '80s.

– Dabur patriarch passes away. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 21.

Burman, Shivika

Kolkata girl Shivika Burman won her second consecutive title in Africa. Shivika beat fourth seeded Hannah James from Germany 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 in the final. With three two ITF singles title in her pocket, the Bengal girl is now looking for a place in the qualifying draw of the Australian Open Junior in January 2007.

– Shivika wins title. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 20.

Buta Singh

Bihar Governor Buta Singh's continuance in office had become untenable soon after the Supreme Court held dissolution of the Bihar Assembly unconstitutional last October. With the Supreme Court giving the reasons for their verdict, he should not remain stuck to the saddle even for a minute. In a majority verdict on the dissolution of the Bihar Assembly in May last, the Court found that he was politically biased in taking the decision.

– Go home, Buta. *Tribune.* January 25, 2006: 10.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on January 27 accepted the resignation of Bihar Governor Buta Singh, who had stepped down in the wake of the Supreme Court verdict indicting him for dissolution of the State Assembly last year.

– Kalam accepts Buta's resignation. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 1.

Former Governor of Bihar Buta Singh has supported the demand of the Sikhs of Haryana for a separate Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) in Haryana.

– Buta Singh backs state on separate SGPC. *Tribune.* June 13, 2006:7.

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Butail, K.G.

Mr K.G. Butail was on April 3 unanimously elected as the President of the Kangra Valley Tea Planters Association.

– Butail heads tea planters' body. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 8.

Butail, Kunj Behari Lal

Kunj Behari Lal Butail, a veteran Congress leader and former HP PCC President and former MLA, died in Palampur on September 15 morning. He was 73. He had been suffering from lung cancer for the past one year.

– Cong leader Butail dead. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006: 9.

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Calcutta, Manjit Singh

The "defiant" Shiromani Akali Dal leader, Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta, a member of the party's political affairs committee, has written an emotional letter to Prime Minister Manmoahn Singh, eulogising him for taking historic steps like flagging off the Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus service, apart from announcing a financial package for the development of Amritsar. Mr Culcutta is the first Akali leader who has showered praise on Prime Minister without taking his party leadership into confidence.

– Defiant Calcutta eulogises PM. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 5.

Closed door meeting between Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Sriparkash Jaiswal and Senior Akali Dal leader Manjit Singh Calcutta, in room number six of Circuit House this noon on May 3 is being discussed in Akali and Congress circles. What Mr Jaiswal and Mr Calcutta discussed could not be known.

– Union Minister, Akali leader Calcutta meet. *Tribune.* May 04, 2006: 5.

The Shiromani Akali Dal headed by Mr Parkash Singh Badal has started preparing the ground to remove Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta, from the party. The chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the SAD, Mr Gurdev Singh, has served a show-cause notice on Mr Calcutta for his alleged antiparty activity. He has been asked to submit his reply within 10 days.

– SAD gives show-cause notice to Calcutta. *Tribune.* June 24, 2006: 5.

Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta, received a "show-cause notice" from Mr Gurdev Singh Badal, Chairman, Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC), on June 24 evening. The DAC Chairman, in his notice, accused Mr Calcutta the main architect of Badal-Tohra rapprochement, for holding "secret parleys" with Chief Minister's Media Adviser, Mr Bhart Inder Singh Chahal and Mr Partap Singh Bajwa, PWD Minister, launching "war" against party supremo, Jathedar, Akal Takht, and SGPC Chief and absenting himself from PAC meeting.

– Defiant Calcutta may quit. *Tribune.* June 25, 2006: 5.

As expected, the SAD's disciplinary committee headed by Mr Gurdev Singh Badal on July 7 expelled Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta, for six years from the primary membership of the party. Dr Daljit Singh Cheema, secretary of the party, in a statement said Mr Calcutta had been expelled by the disciplinary

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committee for his alleged anti-party activities.

– SAD expels Calcutta for 6 years. *Tribune.* July 08, 2006: 1.

Mr Avtar Singh, President, SGPC on November 21 dared Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta to fight election to SGPC post. The SGPC chief said Mr Calcutta was criticising Mr Parkash Singh Badal only after he was removed from the secretaryship for the SGPC. He said Mr Calcutta was playing into the hands of Mr Amrinder Singh and the Congress.

– SGPC chief's challenge. *Tribune.* November 23, 2006: 4.

Chadha, Gurinder

Acclaimed NRI filmmaker Gurinder Chadha is among the hundreds of celebrities and civilians who have been honoured in Britain's Queen Elizabeth II birthday honours list.

– Gurinder Chadha honoured. *Tribune.* June 19, 2006: 13.

Chahal, B.I.S.

Mr V.K. Khanna, president of the Punjab unit of the BJP, said that a complaint has been lodged against Mr B.I.S. Chahal, Media Adviser to the CM, and Secretary of the Information and Public Relations Department, Mr Daman Vir Singh Jaspal, and Mr V.K. Sharma, Director of Information and Public Relations.

– Complaint against PR top brass. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 5.

Chahal, Sonu

Sonu Chahal, a boxer of national repute, committed suicide by hanging himself from a fan at his hostel room in Bhiwani on March 13. The cause of the suicide is still uncertain. His body was brought to the civil hospital where doctor handed over the body to his family after post mortem.

– Boxer commits suicide. *Tribune.* March 15, 2006: 18.

Chaitanya, S.S. (Sqn-Ldr)

Sqn Ldr S.S. Chaitanya, or "Chaithu" as he was popularly known, was among the first three of IAF men to climb the world's tallest peak last year. But a slip while returning after conquering the summit hurled him down the Everest slopes. Today his name figured among those awarded VSMs.

– IAF Everester gets VSM posthumously. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 19.

Chakrabarty, Deepto

An Indian American Professor of Physics at MIT, Deepto Chakrabarty, has won the 2006 Bruno Rossi Prize along with two others for his pioneering study on neutron stars. Chakrabarty shares the $ 1500 award given each

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year by the High Energy Astrophysics Division of the American Astronomical Society (AAS).

– Indian among Bruno prize winners. *Sunday Tribune.* January 22, 2006:11.

Chakraborty, Subhas

In a major development, the Election Commission on April 5 filed an FIR against W.B. State Sports and Transport Minister Subhas Chakraborty at a city police station, charging him with criminal intimidation and posing threats to election officials. Chief Electoral Officer Debashis Sen filed the FIR on behalf of the EC with the Lake Town police station at around 1400 hours.

– EC files FIR against minister. *Tribune. Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 2.

The Election Commission on April 8 made it clear that it intended to take separate action against West Bengal Transport Minister Subhas Chakraborty, his party — the CPM — and the state government for his "threatening statement" in the first week of March against state government officials involved in the Assembly Elections.

– EC brushes aside Karat's objection. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006:2.

Chakraborthy, Susmita

The 25-year-old Lieutenant Susmita Chakraborthy shot herself at the officers' mess of the 5071 Army Service Corps (ASC) as she was reportedly "dissatisfied and unhappy with her job".

– Lady Army officer shoots herself. *Tribune.* June 17, 2006: 1.

The mortal remains of Lieutenent Susmita Chakraborthy, who allegedly committed suicide at the Army's Northern Command headquarters in Udhampur, were consigned to the flames in Bhopal on June 17

– Lady Army officer cremated. *Tribune.* June 18, 2006: 2.

Chakravarty, Pinak R.

Mr Pinak R. Chakravarty, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh. He succeeds Mrs Veena Sikri, the Ministry announced on December 5.

– Pinak India's new envoy. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 2.

Chana, Sazida

Sazida Chana of Panjab University won a gold medal in the 52 kg weight class of the All-India Inter-University Judo Championship taking place at the Raja Bhalindra Singh sports complex, Punjabi University campus, in Patiala on January 4.

– Sazida wins gold. *Tribune.* January 05, 2006: 18.

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Chanchal, Narendar

The court of Mr Varinder Agarwal, Chief Judicial Magistrate, has issued arrest warrants against famous religious song singer Narendar Chanchal as he failed to present himself before the court in a case of violation of the Copyright Act. The CJM cancelled his bail bonds and asked the authorities to arrest and present him before the court by July 5.

– Arrest warrants against Narendar Chanchal. *Tribune.* June 10, 2006: 4.

Bhajan singer, Narender Chanchal, was on August 1 granted bail by the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate in a copyright case. He was charged with the violation of copyright act by Brij Mohan Bhardwaj.

– Narender Chanchal granted bail. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 5.

Chander Mohan

Mr Chander Mohan, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister and elder son of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal, has been dropped from a Haryana Government delegation visiting China.

– Chander Mohan dropped from jaunt to China. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006: 7.

Chandhok, Karun

Karun Chandhok's motor racing career has received a much needed fillip in the form of a drive in the all-new Formula Asia Renault V6 series. The 22-year-old Chennai lad will be driving Korea-based E-Rain Racing in the series that will start with its first race at the Sepang F1 circuit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on May 13-14.

– Karun to race in Formula Asia. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006: 20.

India's former A1 driver Karun Chandhok dominated the qualifying session of the newly introduced Formula V6 Asia by Renault on May 13 to take the pole position for the sprint race with a time of 1:58:324s for Team E-Rain.

– Karun grabs pole position. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006: 22.

Karun Chandhok became the first ever driver from India to win the Asian Formula Renault V6 series with three dominant victories this weekend.

– Karun crowned Asian Formula Renault V6 champ. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 20.

Chandla, Manohar Singh

Mr Manohar Singh Chandla, who retired from the Indian Administrative Service in 1986 as a 1980-batch IAS officer, is now settled in Chandigarh. His latest book, "Banda Bahadur- Betrayal by his Leiutenants", is not only

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a biographical compilation of that great warrior but also a step towards naming him as the first freedom fighter who launched a crusade against the invaders.

– Ex-bureaucrat comes out with book on Banda Bahadur. *Tribune.* November 25, 2006: 4.

Chandra, Pallavi

It's a dream score card and Pallavi Chandra is overjoyed, it bears her name. Scoring an over all 98.25 per cent in the Commerce stream to be among the country's toppers, Pallavi says her success mantra has been regularity.

– Being regular in studies is her success mantra. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006:3.

Chandra, Sansar (Dr)

Dr Sansar Chandra, who has been awarded the Balmiki Award by the Haryana Sanskrit Akademi this year, has undergone insufferable traumas at a young age. The tragedies, however, did not blunt his abilities to see the lighter side of life.

– Tragedies fail to curb writer's lighter side of life. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 3.

Chandran, Geeta

Dancer Geeta Chandran's book entitled 'So Many Journeys' — the maiden publishing venture of Niyogi Books — has won the first prize in the art books in the English category in the national awards declared by the Federation of Indian Publishers.

– National award for 'So Many Journeys'. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006:20.

Chandrashekhar Rao, K.

The resignation of Union Labour Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and Minister of State for Rural Development, A. Narendra was delivered to the Prime Minister's office as the Centre failed to concede their demand or make an unambiguous statement about carving out a Telengana State.

– 2 ministers resign on Telengana. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 1.

A day after resigning from the UPA Government, Telangana Rashtra Samithi leader K. Chandrashekhara Rao on August 23 started an indefinite fast to press his party's demand for a separate State of Telangana to be carved out of Andhara Pradesh.

– Rao begins indefinite fast. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006: 16.

As expected and on the advice of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has accepted the resignation of the two Telengana

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Rastra Samiti ministers K. Chandrashekhar Rao and A. Narendra with immediate effect.

– President accepts TRS ministers' resignations. *Tribune.* August 25, 2006:2.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief and former Union Cabinet Minister, Mr K. Chandrashekhar Rao, on September 12 announced his resignation as Member of Parliament. Announcing his decision at the Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad, Mr Rao said he was accepting the challenge thrown by the Congress leadership in the State and sending his resignation letter to the Lok Sabha Speaker.

– TRS chief resigns as MP. *Tribune.* September 13, 2006: 2.

Chandraswamy

Finding prima facie evidence against Chandraswamy and two others in a case of illegal acquisition of foreign exchange, a court in New Delhi has ordered framing of charges against them under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).

– Charges framed against Chandraswamy. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006:20.

Chandumajra, Prem Singh

The Shiromani Akali Dal (Longowal) on October 13 demanded white paper from the Amarinder Singh government on the Ludhiana City Centre scam. The party chief, Prem Singh Chandumajra, told newspersons that several questions remained unanswered that the Congress Government in the State need to come out with the white paper giving details of the incentives being offered by the State and how the Government and the people of Punjab would benefit.

– SAD (Longowal) demands white paper on City Centre scam. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 24.

The sources said the issue of Mr Prem Singh Chandumajra figured in detail during the meeting between the two. Mr Badal wanted that Mr Chandumajra should be brought into the SAD fold. Mr Barnala told Mr Badal that he should bring all estranged Akali leaders into the party fold.

– Badal, Barnala discuss inclusion of Chandumajra. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 5.

Chanu, Yamnam Renu Bala

Teenager Yumnam Renu Bala Chanu convincingly won the second weightlifting gold for India by triumphing in the women's 58 kg division at

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the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in March 18.

– Yumnam Chanu lifts gold. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 22.

Chatha, H.S.

The Speaker of the Haryana Assembly, Mr H.S. Chatha, will resign on January 12 in view of his possible induction into the Hooda Cabinet, according to sources. Mr Chatha's resignation will come on the eve of the emergency session of the Vidhan Sabha, opening from January 13.

– Haryana Speaker to quit today. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006: 1.

The Haryana Assembly Speaker, Mr H.S. Chatha, on January 12 resigned from his post in view of his possible induction in the Hooda Cabinet, which will be expanded on January 14.

– Haryana Speaker resigns. *Tribune.* January 13, 2006: 14.

The former Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha, Mr H.S. Chatha, was administered the oath as Cabinet Minister. Mrs Kiran Choudhary, Mrs Savitri Jindal and Mrs Meena Rani were sworn in as Ministers of State with independent charge of their portfolios.

– Hooda expands Ministry. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 1.

Chatterjee, Bhaskar

The Haryana Power Minister, Mr Venod Sharma, administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr Bhaskar Chatterjee as Chairman, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission, in Chandigarh on August 28.

– Bhaskar Chatterjee takes charge. *Tribune.* August 29, 2006: 7.

Chatterjee, Somnath

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee has called for an all-party meeting in New Delhi on January 20 to discuss the situation arising out of the Delhi High Court notice to the Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Election Commission and the Centre on the expulsion of MPs in the cash-for-query case.

– Somnath calls for all-party meet to discuss HC notice. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 1.

The old rift and differences between the NDA and Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee appear to be widening, with the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Mr L.K. Advani, taking up his party's complaint against the Speaker with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

– Speaker-NDA rift widens. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 2.

A BJP Lok Sabha MP on December 7 carried forward his Party's fight

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against Speaker Somnath Chatterjee by accusing the chair of deliberately denying opportunity to the Opposition for putting supplementaries queries during question hour. Providing a thrust of the NDA's boycott of Business Advisory Committee and meeting with the Speaker, BJP MP Kharabala Swain alleged that Mr Chatterjee was biased against his party MPs as he was not allowing them to seek clarifications during the question time.

– Speaker continues to face BJP's wrath. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006:2.

The Lok Sabha Speaker's job is losing its sheen for Somnath Chatterjee, judging by his remarks in Kolkata recently. The Opposition has time and again disrupted the proceedings of the House, and at one point during the winter session of Parliament, the BJP-led NDA had also taken exception to the functioning of the Speaker on the ground that he was far from being impartial. This delicate situation blew over quickly.

– No speeches for the Speaker. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 11.

Chatterjee, Sudip

Former Indian national footballer Sudip Chatterjee died in Kolkata on September 18 following a heart attack. He was 47. One of the finest midfielders the country has produced, Sudip had a career spanning more than a decade in top-class football to don the colours of all three Kolkata big clubs — Mohun Bagan, East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting.

– Sudip Chatterjee dead. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 19.

Chattopadhaya, Sidharth

In a decision of political significance, Mr Sidharth Chattopadhaya, a Punjab cadre IPS officer, has been asked to go on deputation to the BSF. He was part of a special team which went to the USA to probe the alleged illegal assets of former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.

– Chattopadhaya shifted to BSF. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 5.

Chaturvedi, Ashok

The Delhi Police on January 14 questioned head of Flex Industries, Ashok Chaturvedi in the phone tapping case. Chaturvedi was the person who reportedly tipped Samajwadi Party leader Amar singh on his alleged phone tapping.

– Flex head grilled. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 2.

Chaturvedi, B.K.

As expected and for reasons of continuity, Cabinet Secretary B.K. Chaturvedi has been granted a year's extension as the country's top-most civil servant till the middle of June 2007. Mr Chaturvedi, an IAS officer of

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the 1966 batch of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, succeeded Kamal Pande as Cabinet Secretary in June 2004. He will complete his two-year term as Cabinet Secretary on June 13.

– Cabinet Secy Chaturvedi gets year's extension. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006:1.

Chaturvedi, Shailesh

Dhiman Sarkar of *The Hindustan Times*, Kolkata, and Shailesh Chaturvedi of *Dainik Hindustan*, New Delhi, won three top honours apiece — including the best writer award in their respective categories — in the Tata Sports Journalism Annuals Awards which were given at a function in Mumbai on August 10.

– SJFI awards. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 20.

Chaturvedi, Vishwanath

Life for Vishwanath Chaturvedi and his family has been hard ever since he filed a PIL in the Supreme Court eight months ago alleging that CM Mulayam Singh Yadav and his family members have accumulated assets more than their known sources of income.

– Petitioner heaves a sigh of relief. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 2.

Chau Myaseng Thoomten

Chau Myaseng Thoomten of Arunachal Pradesh won the National Rank Award 2006-2007 while Brian Neil Wallang of Meghalaya won the Bolt Award at the finals of the competition jointly organised by Air India and The Tribune and other media partners, held in Mumbai recently.

– National Rank and Bolt award winners. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 14.

Chaudhary, Anuj

Olympians Palwinder Singh Cheema of Punjab and Anuj Chaudhary of Uttar Pradesh won gold medals in their respective freestyle categories in the 52nd Senior National Wrestling Championship at Nidani in Jind district.

– Palwinder, Anuj win gold. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 19.

Chaudhary, Kamal

The former Congress member of Parliament, Mr Kamal Chaudhary joined the Shiromani Akali Dal in Chandigarh on October 16. He was welcomed to the party by the SAD president, Mr Parkash Singh Badal, with a siropa. Earlier, in the presence of Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal, he spoke to mediapersons.

– Kamal Chaudhary joins SAD. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 6.

Chaudhary, Kiran

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– Hooda expands Ministry. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 1.

The Haryana Minister of State for Forests and Tourism, Mrs Kiran Choudhary, has been appointed the convener of the Panchayat Mahila Shakti Abhiyan in the State.

– Choudhary made convener of abhiyan. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006: 7.

A mahapanchayat of three khaps of the Tosham Assembly segment representing 108 villages on September 10 unanimously declared that Tourism Minister Kiran Chaudhary and her daughter be allowed to stay in the Bhiwani residence of former Chief Minister Bansi Lal.

– Mahapanchayat rules in favour of Kiran Chaudhary. *Tribune.* September 11, 2006: 1.

Chaudhary, Madhu

Madhu Choudhary, 27, a resident of Nandher village on the outskirts of Kangra town, topped the Himachal Pradesh Administrative (HAS) examination results which were declared by the HP Public Service Commission on August 25.

– Kangra girl tops HAS exam. *Sunday Tribune.* August 27, 2006: 9.

Chaudhary, Meenaxi Anand

The speculation over the extension to the first woman Chief Secretary of Haryana, Ms Meenaxi Anand Chaudhary, has finally ended. The Central Govt. is believed to have not accepted the request of the Chief Minister. Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, to grant extension to her for six months.

– No extension for Chief Secretary. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 7.

The Haryana Government on April 30 issued the retirement order of the Cheif Secretary, Ms Meenaxi Anand Chaudhary. The State Government had earlier sought her extension in service and this created considerable interest in the political and bureaucratic circles. The government waited till the last moment, expecting the Central Government to accept its proposal of giving extension to Ms Chaudhry.

– Retirement order of Chief Secy issued. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 7.

The Haryana Government on May 5 appointed Ms Meenaxi Anand Choudhry Information Commissioner in the State Information Commission.

– Meenaxi Choudhry. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 7.

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Chaudhary, Minakshi

Mr Virbhadra Singh, CM, released a book titled "Himachal: A Complete Guide to the land of Gods" authored by Minakshi Chaudhary, a young writer of the State. The book is a compendium of history, geography, demography, culture, economy and society of Himachal.

– Book on Himachal released. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 9.

Chaudhary Ram

Chaudhary Ram (87), a prominent freedom fighter of the Indian National Army (INA) of Netaji Subash Chander Bose, died of a heart attack at a Hamirpur hospital on September 2. He was cremated at Bhel village near Khutheda, in Bilaspur.

– Freedom fighter dead. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 9.

Chaudhary, Satveer

Early Indian-American winners as results began coming in included Minnesota State Senator Satveer Chaudhary, 37, a Democrat who represents Fridley; and Iowa State Representative Swati Dandekar, 53, who won for the third time.

– Satveer, Swati win. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006: 14.

Chauhan, Munna Singh

Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) leader in the Vidhan Sabha and Irrigation Minister Munna Singh Chauhan resigned on March 4. He would be replaced by another RLD leader, Dr Merajuddin Ahmad, President of the Uttar Pradesh Export Corporation. He would be sworn in at the Raj Bhavan tomorrow morning. Mr Chauhan's resignation fuelled speculation about the RLD's withdrawal of support to the Mulayam Singh Government, reducing it to a minority.

– RLD may withdraw support to Mulayam. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 1.

Chauhan, Ram Babu Singh

The Kabir Puraskar 2006 (Grade-III) has been conferred on Ram Babu Singh Chauhan, a native of Hathras in Uttar Pradesh, for saving a Muslim woman from some miscreants. He will receive a cash reward of Rs 25,000.

– Kabir Puraskar for Ram Babu Singh. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 15.

Chauhan, V.R. (Lt-Col)

Police officials in Srinagar said four persons, including Lt-Col V.R. Chauhan of the 15 RR and three militants, were killed in an encounter at Bandipore

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town on June 30 morning.

– Lt-Col dies in Kashmir encounter. *Tribune.* July 01, 2006: 1.

Chautala, Abhey Singh

Mr Abhey Singh Chautala was removed from the presidentship of the Haryana Olympic Association (HOA) amid a high drama in Panchkula on May 6.

– Naveen Jindal new HOA chief, Chautala group cries foul. *Tribune.* May 07, 2006: 3.

Making clear that sports politics has nothing to do with the State politics, the November 2 IOA communication signed by its Secretary-General, Mr Randhir Singh, has clinched the issue in favour of Mr Abhay Singh Chautala as the HOA President.

– Chautala group's recognition by IOA jolt to Haryana govt. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 21.

Chautala, Ajay

A joint team of the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on May 6 raided Rajya Sabha MP Ajay Chautala's official residence in New Delhi and took away an imported luxury car on charges of tax evasion.

– Ajay Chautala's house raided, car seized. *Tribune.* May 07, 2006: 2.

Indian National Lok Dal Leader Ajay Chautala; son of former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala, has been served a notice by the Director-General of Revenue Intelligence to pay customs duty on his Toyota Land cruiser, which has been allegedly bought without paying a single penny to the state exchequer.

– Ajay Chautala asked to pay customs duty on Toyota. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 20.

Chautala, Om Prakash

The absence of the INLD supremo and former Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Om Prakash Chautala, attacted criticism from Congress legislators on the inaugural day of the Budget session of the Haryana Assembly in Chandigarh on March 17. This time Mr Chautala had excused himself from attending the session saying that he was in the USA for health reasons.

– Absence of Chautala attracts criticism. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 7.

The CBI on May 4 conducted simultaneous raids at 24 places across six states and union territories against former Haryana Cheif Minister Om

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Prakash Chautala for allegedly amassing property worth over Rs 1400 crore. The raids were carried out after the CBI registered a case against Chautala, his family members and other 'unknown persons' accusing him of amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income during the period from July 1999 to March 2005, official sources said. The searches were conducted at Sirsa, Dabwali, Tejakhera (Haryana), Bhunter (HP), Udham Singh Nagar (Uttaranchal), Gurgaon (Haryana), Jaipur, Chandigarh and Delhi.

– CBI raids 24 places of Chautalas. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006: 1.

Addressing a press conference in Chandigarh on May 27, Mr Varinder said the INLD protest against the CBI investigation into Mr Om Prakash Chautala's wealth was tantamount to saying that there was nothing wrong in the corruption indulged into by Mr Chautala and his family.

– Political Adviser has a dig at INLD. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006:7.

The INLD supremo, Mr Om Prakash Chautala, will once again be absent from the session of the Haryana Assembly beginning in Chandigarh on September 15. Staunch anti-Chautala members of the Assembly, who hold the former Chief Minister responsible for their travail during the previous INLD regime, rue the fact that Mr Chautala avoids facing them in the House.

– Chautala to miss House session again. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006:18.

Chavan, Prithviraj

Mr Prithviraj Chavan, Minister of State in the PMO, will represent India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of Government meeting scheduled to take place in Dushanbe (Tajikistan) on September 15.

– Chavan to attend SCO meet in Dushanbe. *Tribune.* September 14, 2006:2.

Chawla, Laxmi Kanta

Ms Laxmi Kanta Chawla, stated on January 9 that Ms Karat had tried to damage the popularity of the centuries-old Indian Medical Science (ayurveda). She said why Ms Karat and her fellows had not raised the issue of over two crore illegal Bangaldeshis to India, who were directly affecting jobs of Indian labourers.

– BJP vice-president decries Brinda Karat. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 5.

Chawla, Nand Lal

Mr Nand Lal Chawla was elected Chairman of the Bhiwani Municipal Council on January 2. He defeated his rival Indira Bhardwaj by a single vote, securing 16 votes in all.

– Chawla Bhiwani MC chief. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 7.

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Chawla, Navin

Election Commissioner Navin Chawla was on February 6 caught in a controversy over an allegation that private trusts run by his family has received donations from Congress MPs. As one of the TV channels raked up the issue, the BJP and the JD(U) demanded that Mr Chawla should quit on his own or should be removed.

– EC lands in controversy over trust funds. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006:20.

Chief Election Commissioner B.B. Tandon said on February 8 that he would hear his colleague Navin Chawla's version if he received any petition on reports that a trust run by his family had received donations from Congress leaders.

– Trust funds: CEC to hear Chawla. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 2.

Expressing its anguish over the conduct of Election Commissioner Navin Chawla in receiving MPLAD funds from the Congress MPs, the NDA on February 14 urged President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam to exercise his moral authority and advise him to resign from this post to obviate a serious "constitutional embarrassment".

– Advise EC to resign, NDA urges Kalam. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006: 2.

In a memorandum to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the NDA leaders on March 16 demanded the immediate removal of Election Commissioner Navin Chawla for his alleged ties with the ruling Congress. "The Election Commission must be absolutely impartial. It must also appear to be impartial," the 12-page memorandum signed by 205 members from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha said, demanding Mr Chawla's removal under various constitutional provisions.

– NDA leaders seek sack of Navin Chalwa. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 2.

The Election Commission is considering a complaint lodged by the NDA alleging Election Commissioner Navin Chawla's close links with the Congress.

– EC notice to Amar Singh. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 14.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has referred the NDA petition demanding the removal of Election Commissioner Navin Chawla to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. As the President appoints the CEC and the EC on the recommendations of the Centre, Dr Kalam forwarded the NDA complaint alleging that the Chalwa's family-run trust had received donations from Congress MPs from the MPs Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme. In the memorandum, the NDA contended that Mr Chawla's continuation as

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the Election Commissioner would put a question mark on the credibility of the Election Commission in the upcoming elections to five state Assemblies. They demanded his removal from the EC for his alleged links with the Congress and the role he played during Emergency.

– Plea on Chalwa referred to PM. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 18.

Accusing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of sitting over the complaint made by the NDA MPs against Election Commissioner Navin Chalwa, the BJP on April 5 demanded his immediate removal to maintain the impartiality of the Election Commission.

– BJP for early decision on 'tainted' EC Chawla. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006:20.

An NDA delegation on April 8 urged President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam to refer the issue of removal of Election Commissioner Navin Chawla to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) as the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, had "no role" in the matter.

– Refer Chawla issue to CEC, NDA requests Kalam. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 2.

The government on April 11 clarified that the files relating to the setting up of trust by Election Commissioner Navin Chawla in 1994 were not missing and were in the custody of Information and Broadcasting Ministry, where he was posted during that time, an official release said.

– Files on EC Chawla not missing: Govt. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 20.

A Samajwadi party MP and Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Office of Profit (JPCOP) on April 15 filed a writ petition against Election Commissioner Navin Chalwa in the Supreme Court, seeking his removal for alleged impropriety committed by him in getting funds from some Congress MPs from the Local Area Development Scheme for two trust run by his family.

– PIL seeks removal of Chawla as EC. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006:2.

Raising the issue of President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam referring the memorandum of the NDA to PM Manmohan Singh instead of Chief Election Commissioner B.B. Tandon seeking his opinion on Chawla's appointment, as has been laid down in Article 324(5) of the Constitution, the BJP sought the apex court's interim direction to the CEC to send his opinion in a "sealed cover".

– BJP challenges Chawla's appointment. *Tribune.* May 20, 2006: 2.

Election Commissioner Navin Chawla, against whom a petition has been filed by the BJP in the Supreme Court seeking his removal on the issue of getting money from the MPLAD schemes for two trusts run by his family,

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in his response to the court notice has defended their taking money from five Congress MPs, saying it was used properly for welfare schemes. In his affidavit , Mr Chawla said all donations whether received from "MPLAD or not" were fully utilised by the trusts for the purpose and the objectives they were created for. The trusts were set up for the welfare of people with due permission from the government, he contended.

– Chawla defends family trusts' role. *Tribune.* June 30, 2006: 18.

The UPA government has defended the decision of President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam to send NDA's representation on the appointment of Navin Chawla as Election Commissioner (EC) to the Prime Minister in its response to the Supreme Court notice, claiming that it was the relevant course of action in this case.

– Govt backs Kalam's decision on Chawla. *Tribune.* July 25, 2006: 2.

Chawla, Piyush

Captain Piyush Chawla sparkled with the bat and the ball and his 40-run contribution followed by a three-wicket haul powered Indian under-19 team to a thrilling seven-run win against their Pakistani counterpart in the second one-day match at Sheikhupura Stadium.

– Chalwa stars in colts win. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 22.

Cheema, Palwinder Singh

Olympians Palwinder Singh Cheema of Punjab and Anuj Chaudhary of Uttar Pradesh won gold medals in their respective freestyle categories in the 52nd Senior National Wrestling Championship at Nidani in Jind district.

– Palwinder, Anuj win gold. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 19.

Chellarai, Rajkumar

President George W. Bush has nominated Indian American Rajkumar Chellarai, a graduate of Madras University, to be Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Administration at the State Department. A political appointee, Mr Chellaraj, who is from Texas, currently serves as Director of Corporate development for the Celanese Corporation, a leading producer of industry chemicals. His nomination is before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

– Indian American nominated to key post. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006: 9.

Cherian, Devi

Ms Devi Cherian, hailing from the Chamba area of Himachal, was on August 23 awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Ekta Samman Award-2006 for her achievement in social service and journalism.

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– Rajiv Gandhi award for Devi Cherian. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006: 9.

Mrs Devi Cherian, has been honoured with the "Sarv Sreshte Suputri" award for the year 2006. The award was given to Mrs Cherian by the Prime Minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile, Mr Samdhong Rimpoche, at a function held in Dalhousie on October 30.

– Cherian gets 'Sarv Sreshte Suputri' award. *Tribune.* November 02, 2006:9.

Chetri, Sunil

Sunil Chetri starred with three goals in Delhi's 4-2 win against Orissa in a league match of the Santosh Trophy football championship in Faridabad on September 24.

– Chetri stars in Delhi win. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 19.

Chidambaram, P.

The Samajwadi Party (SP) on August 2 demanded in the Rajya Sabha the resignation of Finance Minister P. Chidambaram for his alleged association with Vedanta Resource PIc, which is allegedly involved in financial irregularities. When the Rajya Sabha reassembled at 2 pm following an adjournment over the issue during zero hour, Samajwadi Party member Amar Singh said Mr Chidambaram should uphold the tradition set by his predecessor Mr T.T. Krishnamachari, who quit following the Mundhra scam.

– FM's resignation sought. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 15.

Finance Minister P. Chidambaram's rigid attitude and dismissive response to their suggestions on rural credit has left Congress CMs and party functionaries fuming.

– Chidambaram leaves CMs fuming. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 1.

Chinappa, Joshna

Third seed Joshna Chinappa began with a bang but fizzled out in the end to crash out of the $6500 dollar Subway Goshen Open in Indiana, losing her semifinal match to second seeded Irish Aisling Blake.

– Chinappa loses. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 20.

Chinoy, Mala R.

In a unique honour, Indian woman scientist Mala R. Chinoy has been chosen for the 2006 Science Spectrum Trailblazer award for her pioneering work in cardiopulmonary defects in newborns, bagging the second such prestigious prize in two years.

– Indian scientist wins Trailblazer award. *Tribune.* September 14, 2006:13.

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Chohan, Jagjit Singh

Taking serious note of the statements on the formation of 'Khalistan' by 2007, the Punjab police arrested Dr Jagjit Singh Chohan, a proponent of Khalistan, from his residence in Tanda town 32 km from Hoshiarpur on March 8 morning.

– Chohan held from Tanda. *Tribune.* March 09, 2006: 5.

The police seized hand-written and printed material relating to 'Khalistan' from the office of the Khalsa Raj Party and house of Khalisatan ideologue Jagjit Singh Chohan at Tanda on March 9. Mr Harish Kumar, Superintendent of Police (Detective), Hoshiarpur, told reporters in Hoshiarpur on March 10.

– Printed material on 'Khalistan' found in Chohan's house. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 6.

Chopra, Prakash

Mrs Prakash Chopra, wife of veteran filmmaker B.R. Chopra, died at Leelavati Hospital in suburban Bandra following a brief illness. She was about 86 years old and is survived by two daughters and filmmaker son Ravi Chopra, besides her husband.

– B.R. Chopra bereaved. *Tribune.* August 22, 2006: 1.

Chopra, Varun

Indian-origin cricketer Varun Chopra broke a 109-year-old record to become the youngest batsman scoring a century for Essex in their Second Division County Championship against Gloucestershire at Chelmsford.

– Varun Chopra breaks 109-year-old record. *Tribune.* May 27, 2006: 23.

Chopra, Vidhu Vinod

The Government of Punjab has installed Sunil Dutt Punjab Rattan Award for Punjabis excelling in different fields. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh. The first such award will be given to Vidhu Vinod Chopra, director, "Legae Raho Munna Bahi", a Hindi feature film, at a function to be organised in Amritsar on November 16.

– Punjab rattan award installed. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 4.

Chopra, Yash

Noted film producer-director Yash Chopra would be conferred upon with the First Punjab Rattan Award for his lifetime contribution to the film Industry at a function being held in Chandigarh on June 20.

– Yash Chopra to be honoured. *Tribune.* June 20, 2006: 4.

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Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh on June 20 night honoured the legendry Bollywood director and producer Yash Chopra with the Punjab Rattan award. Presiding over the firstever Punjab Rattan Award-conferring ceremony held in Chandigarh at Hotel Taj, Capt Amarinder Singh said Yash Chopra was one of the most charismatic and powerful directors in the Indian film industry, his name synonymous with the glamour of the romantic film and a style within Indian culture. On the occasion, Cultural Affairs Minister Partap Singh Bajwa read the citation and described him as the living legend of the Indian film industry.

– Punjab CM honours Yash Chopra. *Tribune.* June 21, 2006: 4.

Choudhary, Rajesh

Indian Army sailor Rajesh Choudhary picked up his second successive Asian Games bronze medal when he finished third in the Laser Radial Open event with 33 net penalty points in Doha on December 12.

– Sailor Rajesh wins bronze. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006: 18.

Choudhary, Shruti

Sharuti Choudhary, grand-daughter of the former Haryana Chief Minister, Bansi Lal, on April 12 accused her uncle, Mr Ranbir Mahendra, her aunt and certain other family members of trying to grab her property.

– Bansi's granddaughter alleges bid to grab property. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 7.

Choudhary, Virender

Bhojraj village has hit headlines as Virender Choudhary, son of Capt Chandgi Ram (retd) of Bhojraj, has brought laurels to his motherland by being elected the president of the students' union of the University of Greenwich, London.

– Village boy elected chief of Greenwich students' union. *Tribune.* June 23, 2006: 11.

Chowdhary, Shweta

Commonwealth Games gold medallist Sroja Kumari and Shweta Chowdhary had a disappointing outing in the women's 25m sports pistol event at the ISSF World Cup Resende in Brazil, finishing 31st and 33rd, respectively.

– Saroja, Shweta disappoint. *Tribune.* May 03, 2006: 19.

Chowdhury, R.C.

In what appeared to be a severe indictment of the Union Home Ministry, the Jharkhand HC on November 4 stayed the transfer of CBI SP in Ranchi R.C. Chowdhury, who is heading the probe into multi-crore fodder scam.

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Taking serious exception to the move by the CBI, the court asked the officer to continue in this present assignment till further orders.

– Transfer of CBI official stayed. *Tribune.* November 06, 2006: 2.

Chugh, Darshan Lal

Darshan Lal Chugh, district scouts and guides trainer, who had donated the body of his only son after death due to cardiac arrest to a medical college, and Mr Chander Parkash Narang, a veteran educationist, were honoured with the Het Ram Sharma Memorial Award 2006 by Mr Sunil Jakhar, Parliamentary Secretary at GD Senior Secondary School in Abohar on December 3 night.

– Two get Het Ram Sharma award. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 4.

Chunchun Kumari

The UNICEF's poster girl to launch its campaign against child labour in Bihar earns her livelihood by working as a maid at a roadside dhaba in Patna.

– UNICEF poster girl works in dhaba. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 20.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar finally came to the rescue of the Unicef poster girl Chunchun Kumari. She hit the headlines recently after the media had exposed her plight as a child labour at a dhaba in Patna near the JD(U) office even after being used as a mascot by the UNICEF.

– Unicef poster girl to get free education. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 20.

Unicef poster girl Chunchun Kumari wants to be a doctor to serve the poor. The smile on her face is back after she came to know about the decision by the State Government to enrol her in a school free of cost.

– Chunchun wants to be a doctor. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 2.

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Dabholkar, Atish (Dr)

Dr Atish Dabholkar receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Dahiya, S. (Maj-Gen)

A Lt-General of the Indian Army will face court martial proceedings and another Major-General is to face "administrative action" along with eight other officers after being found guilty of irregularities by a Court of Inquiry in the procurement of dry rations for the forces. Sources in the Army Headquarters said that the Generals allegedly involved were Lt-Gen S.K. Sahni, who was the Director-General, Supply and Transport, and Major-Gen S. Dahiya, to be posted to Southern Command.

– Lt-General faces court martial. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 1.

Dahiya, S.S. (Dr)

Dr S.S. Dahiya, Dean, College of Agriculture and Postgraduate Studies at Haryana Agricultural University in Hisar, was unanimously elected President of the association for a period of two years.

– HAU Dean to head national body. *Tribune.* January 25, 2006: 7.

Dahiya, Vijay

Former India wicketkeeper Vijay Dahiya on Friday announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after a career spanning 15 years.

– Dahiya retires. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 22.

Dalal, J.S. (Dr)

The state government of Punjab has charge-sheeted Dr J. Dalal, Principal of Medical College and former Director, Research and Medical Education, for issuing a "wrong experience certificate" to Dr Karn Kumar Sharma, an Associate Professor in the ENT Department with a view to promoting him as Professor. The State Government has withdrawn administrative and academic work from both Dr Dalal and Dr Sharma.

– Principal of medical college charge-sheeted. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006: 4.

The chargesheeted Principal of Medical College, Dr J.S. Dalal, on November 8 alleged that two scooter-borne youths made an attempt to kidnap his son,

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a student of class X, when he was on the way to his school on November 8. Dr Dalal stated that he had suffered a heart attack when he had received a strong-worded letter from the Secretary, Medical Education. He alleged that he was being harassed with a view to stopping him from becoming Director, Research and Medical Education. He claimed that the department promotion committee had recommended his name for the post of the DRME and the high court had directed the state government to elevate him to the next post.

- Medical college Principal alleges kidnap bid on son. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006: 5.

The State Government on November 16 suspended Dr J.S. Dalal, Principal Government Medical College, following allegations of misconduct.

- Medical college Principal suspended. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 5.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on November 23 stayed the operation of the order issued by the Punjab Government on November 16 vide which the charge-sheeted Principal of Government Medical College, Amrtisar, Dr J.S. Dalal, was placed under suspension.

- Suspension of medical college Principal stayed. *Tribune.* November 24, 2006: 4.

Dalal, R.S. (Dr)

Dr R.S. Dalal, who has been serving as the Director, Human Resource Management, at Haryana Agriculture University in Hisar, has been appointed the Registrar of the University.

- Dr Dalal appointed HAU Registrar. *Tribune.* July 06, 2006: 7.

Dalal, Ranjiv Singh

The Haryana Government has appointed Mr Ranjiv Singh Dalal, a 1974 batch IPS officer, as the DGP of the State following Mr Nirmal Singh's retirement on October 31. According to a press note issued from the police headquarters, Mr Dalal took over from the outgoing DGP after a brief official ceremony. Mr Dalal (54), whose ancestral vilage is in Jhajjar district, was awarded the President's Police Medal on three occasions. In 1980 he received the gallantry medal, in 1991 the medal for meritorious service and again in 2006 the medal for distinguished service. Mr Dalal was also a Professor of Political Theory and Constitutional Law at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration for three years.

- Dalal new Haryana DGP. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 1.

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Dalbir Kaur

Ms Dalbir Kaur, sister of Sarabjit Singh, imprisoned in Pakistan for allegedly carrying out explosions there, slammed the Pakistan media for spreading rumours that she was not the sister of Sarabjit Singh.

– Dalbir Kaur slams rumours in Pak media.. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006:4.

In a surprise move, Ms Dalbir Kaur, state executive member of the BJP, and sister of Sarabjit Singh, who is awaiting execution of death sentence in Pakistan, has rejoined her parent party in presence of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh in Patti on December 15.

– Sarabjit's sister rejoins Cong. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 5.

Daler Mehndi

Mr Rajwinder Singh, Judicial Magistrate (First Class), on August 31 ordered that Punjabi pop singer Daler Mehndi be summoned on October 11 to face trial for the commission of offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 of the IPC, in the FIR which has been registered at the local police station in 2003.

– Summons for Daler Mehndi. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 4.

Dalip Singh

Dalip Singh of the Army won the Hercules MTB Himachal, the countrys only international mountain biking event, dethroning last year's champion Norbert Szenthinlost of Hungary.

– Army bikers triumph. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 22.

Daljit Singh Bittu

The Shiromani Khalsa Dal chief and former Khalistan idealogue, Daljit Singh Bittu, was taken away by a Barnala police team from his house in Gurdev Nagar in Ludhiana on April 20 evening.

– Cops whisk away Daljit Singh Bittu. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 6.

Daljit Singh Bittu was granted bail on May 10 after 20 days of his arrest. Mr Bittu got the bail granted following a lacunae in the case that the complainant himself was an inquiry officer. Mr Bittu was arrested on sedition charges on the night of April 19 by the Barnala police from his Ludhiana residence. He was charged for making inflammatory speeches before the farmers on the Trident land acquisition case at Fatehgarh Channa village.

– Khalsa Dal chief granted bail. *Tribune.* May 11, 2006: 5.

Dalmiya, Jagmohan

The Board of Control of Cricket for India (BCCI) has issued a show-cause

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notice to former President Jagmohan Dalmiya, asking him to reply on the issue of PILCOM account, raised by treasurer N. Srinivasan at the February 21 working committee meeting.

– Dalmiya gets BCCI notice. *Tribune.* February 28, 2006: 20.

Jagmohan Dalmiya on March 8 got a reprieve when a city court stayed the show-cause notice issued to him by the BCCI. The city civil and sessions court, restrained the BCCI from giving effect to their notice dated February 27 till disposal of the injunction application made by Dalmiya challenging the notice.

– Dalmiya gets reprieve. *Tribune.* March 09, 2006: 21.

After the stay granted to the charge-sheet issued by the BCCI to Jagmohan Dalmiya, Mr I.S. Bindra and Mr Lalit Modi did not rule out the possibility of a fresh petition against him.

– We will fight stay order: Modi. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 22.

Former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya on March 10 pulled up the current regime for allegedly skirting the questions he had raised regarding the loss of Rs 82 crore in the TV rights deal, while giving a point-wise clarification to the latest allegations levelled against him.

– BCCI skirting my queries: Dalmiya. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 22.

In a setback to Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Calcutta High Court on March 17 directed him to reply to a show-cause notice issued by the Board for alleged financial irregularities, while setting aside a stay granted to him by a lower court earlier.

– HC vacates stay, asks Dalmiya to reply. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 23.

The Bombay High Court on March 23 extended the interim protection from arrest granted to Jagmohan Dalmiya and three other former office-bearers of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) till April 10 in a case of alleged misappropriation of Rs 21.74 lakh from the World Cup 1996 account.

– HC reprieve for Dalmiya. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 23.

Former BCCI chief Jagmohan Dalmiya and three former board official were on March 27 grilled for over seven hours by the officials of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Crime Branch in a case of misappropriation of BCCI funds.

– Dalmiya grilled for over seven hours. *Tribune.* March 28, 2006: 18.

Former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya and two other former board officials were interrogated for two hours by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police in connection with the alleged misappropriation

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of Rs 21.74 lakh from the 1996 world Cup account.

– Dalmiya interrogated by Mumbai police. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 19.

BCCI on April 9 deferred any action against former chief Jagmohan Dalmiya for his alleged misuse of BCCI funds, leaving the matter to be decided by its President, Sharad Pawar.

– Pawar to decide Dalmiya's fate. *Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 18.

In a fresh charge against Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Indian cricket board has alleged that its former president has failed to provide proper explanation for withdrawing about Rs 1.52 crore of board money. In addition, BCCI alleges that Dalmiya withdrew Rs. 585,000 without proper explanation, says a board document prepared after Dalmiya's reply to the show-cause notice on "misappropriation of funds."

– Fresh allegations of fund misuse against Dalmiya. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 22.

Heaping more humiliation on Jagmohan Dalmiya, the BCCI on April 10 suspended the former board chief from attending its meetings, a step which would isolate the Bengal strongman further from cricket administration.

– BCCI suspends Dalmiya. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 20.

The BCCI on April 15 issued another show-cause notice to former board chief Jagmohan Dalmiya.

– Dalmiya gets another show-cause notice. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 22.

Jagmohan Dalmiya received a major setback when he failed to garner support to seek re-election as President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) during an emergent general body meeting of the state association in Kolkata on July 2.

– Dalmiya fails to garner support. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006: 19.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India has issued summons to former President, Jagmohan Dalmiya following his failure to reply to a showcause notice, a top BCCI official said on July 18.

– BCCI summons Dalmiya. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 18.

The CPM leadership is divided over the participation of Mr Jagmohan Dalmiya in the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) elections. While Chief Minister Budhadeb Bhattacharjee, who has been backing Kolkata police chief Prasun Mukherjee's candidature for the CAB president's post, insisted that Mr Dalmiya should disassociated himself from CAB politics and allow Mr Mukherjee to win the elections uncontested, former Chief Minister Jyoti

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Basu and Sports Minister Subhas Chakraborty wanted the Chief Minister to refrain from interfering in CAB affairs.

– CPM divided over Dalmiya's participation. *Tribune.* July 21, 2006: 23.

Sourav Ganguly on July 21 accused Mr Jagmohna Dalmiya of damaging his career by leaking the secret e-mail, which coach Greg Chappell sent to the BCCI against him. Ganguly, now in London, on July 21 sent an e-mail to Kolkata, calling upon different sports organisations to supports the candidature of Mr Prasun Mukherjee, city police chief, who is also Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's presidential candidate, in the CAB elections against Mr Dalmiya.

– Dalmiya damaged my career: Ganguly. *Tribune.* July 22, 2006: 22.

Countering Sourav Ganguly's allegation that Jagmohan Dalmiya "played" with his career, the Bengal batsman's former legal counsel Siddhartha Shankar Ray on July 23 said the cricket administrator had taken up cudgels whenever the ex-Indian captain landed in trouble. Ray, a leading barrister who served as Ganguly's counsel twice when the left-hander was engaged in bitter fights with the ICC in 2004 and 2005, said he was 'depressed' and 'disheartened' at the souring of relations between the player and the veteran cricket administrator. "That their friendship could come to such a pass has left me depressed and disheartened," the octogenarian former CAB President said when his attention was drawn to Ganguly's explosive e-mail where the local boy raised the banner of revolt against the CAB president on July 22.

– Ray counters Ganguly. *Tribune.* July 24, 2006: 18.

Former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya on July 25 filed a suit in a city civil court challenging the legality and validity of the board's summon which asked him to appear before its disciplinary committee on July 26.

– Dalmiya files suit challenging BCCI's summon. *Tribune.* July 26, 2006:18.

Jagmohan Dalmiya was re-elected president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) defeating Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's candidate, city police chief Prasun Mukherjee. Of the 117 votes polled, Dalmiya secured 61 votes and while the remaining 56 went to Mukherjee.

– Dalmiya wins CAB poll. *Tribune.* July 31, 2006: 1.

Having won the CAB presidential race against heavy odds, Jamohan Dalmiya on July 31 threw down the gauntlet at the BCCI, asserting that its efforts to malign him would not go unchallenged.

– Dalmiya vows to hit back at BCCI. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 18.

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In a breather to Jagmohan Dalmiya, a city court on August 10 directed the Board of Control for Cricket in India to postpone its August 15 disciplinary committee meeting in Chennai till August 22 where the CAB president was to appear in connection with the PILCOM accounts issue.

– Dalmiya gets a breather. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 20.

Former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya on September 7 received a respite from the Calcutta HC, which extended the time for submitting his explanation to the BCCI on the charges against him of misappropriation of the 1996 World Cup funds.

– Dalmiya gets a breather. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 22.

The stage was set for judgement day in the case of misappropriation of funds involving former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya after he failed to appear before the Board's Disciplinary Committee in Mohali on October 29.

– Dalmiya fails to appear before BCCI panel. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006:18.

Former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya, who was responsible for taking cricket marketing to new heights, was on December 16 expelled from the Board and removed from all posts on the charges of financial irregularities during his tenure.

– BCCI chucks out Jagmohan Dalmiya. *Sunday Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 22.

Expelled former BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya on December 19 refused to resign from the president's post of the Cricket Association of Bengal, claiming there was no such registered rule in the cricket board.

– Dalmiya refuses to quit CAB. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 20.

Mr Jagmohan Dalmiya ultimately retreated and resigned as the president of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), which he had been virtually ruling for the past four decades. Mr Dalmiya on December 27 sent in his resignation to the two joint secretaries with a copy of the resignation to the BCCI chief, Mr Sharad Pawar.

– Dalmiya resigns from CAB. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006: 18.

Dandekar, Swati

Early Indian-American winners as results began coming in, included Minnesota State Senator Satveer Chaudhary, 37, a Democrat who represents Fridley; and Iowa State Representative Swati Dandekar, 53, who won for the third time.

– Satveer, Swati win. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006: 14.

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Dang, Satyapal

The state government of Punjab should initiate an inquiry to find out who were behind the move to demolish 155-year-old Saragarhi School, demanded Mr Satyapal Dang, a veteran CPI leader, in a missive to the Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh.

– Probe Saragarhi school demolition: Dang. Tribune. December 01, 2006:4.

Dangi, K.S. (Dr)

Dr K.S. Dangi has taken over as the first Director-General of the Haryana Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department. Earlier, he was the Director, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

– Dangi is D-G. *Tribune.* March 08, 2006: 7.

Dar, Abdul Waheed

The Jammu and Kashmir police unearthed a militant plan to assassinate former CM Mufti Mohammad Sayeed when it arrested two militants of Pakistan based Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT), including a Municipal Councillor of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), a partner in the coalition government. PDP councillor from Zakoora, Abdul Waheed Dar and Wahid Ahmad Dar, a resident of Hazratbal were arrested by the police.

– Bid on Mufti: PDP councillor arrested. *Tribune.* January 16, 2006: 20.

Das, Amitabh

The top brass of the state police of Bihar awaits a signal from Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to initiate departmental proceedings against IPS official Amitabh Das in connection with a charge of sexual harassment levelled against him by Shabnam Sinha, daughter of a former IPS official.

– Sex abuse by IPS officer: report submitted. *Tribune.* April 17, 2006: 2.

Das, Kamala

Celebrated writer Kamala Surayya, known as Kamala Das to English readers, on May 10 handed over a part of her ancestral property. 'Nalappatt,' which she considered as her 'emotional kingdom' to the Kerala Sahitya Akademi.

– Kamala Das donates property. *Tribune.* May 11, 2006: 20.

Das, Mouma

Mouma Das began her campaign on a wining note in the women's open singles at the Asian Games table tennis competition in Doha on December 2. The 22-year old Kolkata-based player crossed the first hurdle as she overwhelmed Chao In Ma of Macau (China) in straight games to emerge

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4-0 winner.

– Mouma makes winning start. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 22.

Das, Neelotpal

Neelotpal Das was on May 27 officially declared the 13th chess Grandmaster of India by IFDE, while under kind Parimarjan Negi became the country's youngest-ever international Master.

– Negi bags IM title. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 22.

Dataokar, Alona

A teenager of the Indian-origin has won the 'Miss Asia-Israel' title and is planning to use the prize money "to discover her roots". An excited 18-year-old Alona Dataokar, who was given an air-ticket to India among other things as prize, said, "my dream of going to India seems to be finally coming true."

– Miss Asia-Israel title for Indian. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 9.

Dayakar, R.

Deposing before the ED on November 22 last year, R. Dayakar, the then Indian Ambassador to Iraq, said Natwar Singh had telephoned him in the Iraqi capital saying he had received a complaint that the Indian mission was discriminating against Hamdaan Exports.

– IFS officer says Natwar rang him up for Sehgal's firm. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 15.

De, Shobhaa

Shobhaa De has another yarn to weave and this one is of contour and high-fashion. In the city to launch her clothes collection, 'Serendipity' she spoke at length about her new avatar as stylist, her books, her writing and her support systems that keep her working at this frantic pace.

– Shobhaa De, the stylist, unveils her clothesline. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 3.

Debroy, Bibek

Noted economist Bibek Debroy has joined the PHDCCI as Secretary-General. Beginning his career as an academician, Mr Debroy taught at his alma mater, Presidency College, Kolkata, and later at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Pune), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (Delhi) and the National Council of Applied Economic Research (Delhi). He was also a consultant to the Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Ministry, GOI.

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– Bibek Debroy is PHDCCI Secy-Gen. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 16.

Less than a year after he joined the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), Bibek Debroy has quit as the Secretary-General of the organisation. According to sources close to him, Mr Debroy might take up some assignment in the government as he is understood to have got an offer from the Prime Minsiter's Office. Mr Debroy, who put in his papers on November 10, has also got an offer for an overseas assignment., the sources said.

– Bibek Debroy quits PHDCCI. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006:1.

Deeksha

"Deeksha, the Board was delighted to see that a 'small town girl has become global' and we look forward to your continued progress at Brown. We are impressed with your self initiative, and your desire to draw up your 'own intellectual path'," wrote Mr James S. Miller, Dean of Admission of Borwn University. Deeksha, a Chandigarh girl, who completed her International Baccalaureate Diploma from Mahindra-United World College (UWC) School in Pune this year, joins a rare band of students who have been awarded a complete financial package of approximately $ 46,000 a year for study at Brown. She topped in SAT score.

– Deeksha does Chandigarh proud. *Tribune.* August 14, 2006: 3.

Deepa Jain Singh

Deepa Jain Singh, an IAS officer of the 1971 batch of Haryana cadre, on August 1 took over as Secretary, Ministery of Women and Child Development. She succeeds Reva Nayyar who relinquished office after superannuation. Before joining the Ministry, she was Secretary in the National Commission for Minorities.

– New assignment for Deepa Jain. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 2.

Deepak Singh Jagannath Singh (Deepu)

The prosecution in the high profile murder case of Ajit Dewani, former secretary to actress Manisha Koirala, has suffered a setback with prime accused and gunman of extradited gangster Abu Salem escaping from jail custody in Uttar Pradesh, police sources said in Mumbai on April 9. Deepak Singh Jagannath Singh alias Deepu, escaped from a Varanasi jail recently and this has jeopardised the trial in a Mumabi court as he was the prime accused besides Salem, the sources told PTI.

– Salem's hit man escapes from UP jail. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 2.

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Deol, Sunny

Hundreds of fans turned up to get a glimpse of actor Sunny Deol in this suburban township in Jandiala on February 23. The actor, known for his performances in "Gadar" and "Betaab", was in Jandiala to shoot for "Kafila", Dressed up in a Pakistani Shalwar Kameez, he was looking every bit the character of a Muslim.

– Sunny Deol shoots for "Kafila". *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 5.

Deora, Murli

High profile Minister, Mani Shankar Aiyer, lost the coveted Petroleum Ministry to Murli Deora, whose appointment raised many eyebrows in the Congress, given his proximity to certain controversial industrial houses.

– Soni, Soz, Deora join Union Cabinet. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 1.

Desai, Kiran

Kiran Desai, daughter of prominent Indian origin writer Anita Desai, created literary history by becoming the youngest ever woman to win the prestigious Man Booker Prize for her book "The Inheritance of Loss" at the age of 35. Kiran won the 50,000 pounds prize on October 10 night for her second book, described by reviewers as a "radiant, funny and moving family saga" and "the best, sweetest, most delightful novel.".

– Kiran Desai wins Booker. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 1.

There is no limit to literary ironies. The Reigning Czarina of Indo-Anglian literature is Anita Desai, three of whose 14 novels have been nominated for the Booker Prize, the last one in 1999. Yet, she never won the prestigious award, which has now been claimed by daughter Kiran for her second novel, "The Inheritance of Loss". Kiran's joyous prose is proof enough that literary talent flows in genes. In the process, Kiran has become the youngest woman ever to capture one of the world's most prestigious literary awards. The Columbia University student was born on September 3, 1971, making her all of 35 years and one month.

– Kiran does Anita, India proud. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 12.

Kiran Desai author of the 'The Inheritence of loss' which won the Man Booker Prize 2006 greets her mother, author Anita Desai, at a reception hosted by the Indian Consulate in New York on Wednesday.

– *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 24.

Desai, Ramesh

Ramesh Desai, former Secretary-General of the All-India Tennis Association, died on April 20 night in Ahmedabad. He was 79, according to an AITA

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press note issued on Friday. Desai, who is survived by his wife, sons Chetan and Nimish — both former national-level tennis players — and a daughter, was the AITA Secretary-General from 1988 to 1992.

– Ramesh Desai dead. *Tribune.* April 22 , 2006: 22.

Deshmukh, Nanaji

Veteran social leader Nanaji Deshmukh, who has transformed the face of Chitrakoot township in Uttar Pradesh by making it self-reliant and strife-free, was awarded Sri Nanesh Samata Puraskar by Vice-President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat at a function in New Delhi on April 8.

– Nanaji Deshmukh gets Nanesh Samata award. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 2.

Deshmukh, Vilasrao

Maharashtra CM Vilasrao Deshmukh will have a lot of explaining to do at the seventh Congress CM's conclave being held in Nainital this week-end, given his State's poor track record on the agriculture and internal security fronts, the two issues on the agenda of the upcoming meeting.

– Uphill task for Deshmukh at CMs' conclave. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 22.

Deshpande, Nirmala

Noted Gandhian and Rajya Sabha MP, Nirmala Deshpande was on August 20 honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for her contribution to the cause of national unity. The award, carrying a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh and a citation , was presented to her at a befitting function organised in New Delhi on the occasion of the 62nd birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister.

– Nirmala Deshpande gets sadbhavana award. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006:2.

Deulgaokar, Atul Chandrakant

The award for the best environment journalism has gone to Atul Chandrakant Deulgaokar, freelance journalist of Latur.

– Navika of TOI gets Prem Bhatia award. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 2.

The Prem Bhatia Award for Excellence in Political Reporting and Analysis was given to Navika Kumar for her investigative reports and Atul Chandrakant Deulgaokar for his reports on environmental issues.

– Prem Bhatia awards presented. *Tribune.* May 09, 2006: 14.

Deve Gowda, H.D.

Mr H.D. Deve Gowda, who had been consistently talking of keeping the

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door open for a reconciliation with the Congress after his son, Mr H.D. Kumaraswamy, walked out with a majority of legislators, tried to justify his new stance by saying his son had saved the JD(S) by his actions. "I have said it once and I will say it a hundred times. The Congress wants to destabilise my party."

– Gowda takes U-turn, backs son .*Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 1.

While the Congress has virtually lost an important State in the South, the one who has lost most in the 10-day political drama is none else than the former PM, Mr H.D. Deve Gowda. His position and overall role in the current crisis has been somewhat strange and he has resigned as National President of the JD (S), perhaps to establish his bona fides.

– Crisis continues. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 12.

Janata Dal (S) crisis at the national level deepened when Mr Varinder Kumar, MP and leader of the Parliamentary Party in the Lok Sabha, demanded the resignation of Mr H.D. Deve Gowda form the post of party President for recognising his son H.D. Kumaraswamy as party leader in the Karnatka Assembly. He said if Mr Gowda refused to resign on his own, then the national executive had no choice but to expel him.

– Leaders want Deve Gowda to quit as JD(S) chief. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 4.

The turmoil in the JD(S) after a section in the Party aligned with the BJP to form Ministry in Karnataka, has led to a virtual split in the party with the camp led by Lok Sabha member M.P. Varinder Kumar on December 22 removing H.D. Deve Gowda as party president and choosing veteran socialist Surendra Mohan in his place.

– Mohan replaces Gowda as JD(S) chief. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006:1.

Devinder Singh

The Union Government has refused to give permission to the CBI to prosecute an IAS officer of the Haryana cadre, Mr Devinder Singh, whose official residence was raided by the premier investigation agency when he was the Deputy Commissioner of Karnal.

– Permission to prosecute IAS officer refused. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 8.

Dewani, Ajit

The prosecution in the high profile murder case of Ajit Dewani, former secretary to actress Manisha Koirala, has suffered a setback with prime accused and gunman of extradited gangster Abu Salem escaping from jail

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custody in Uttar Pradesh, police sources said in Mumbai on April 9. Deepak Singh Jagannath Singh alias Deepu, escaped from a Varanasi jail recently and this has jeopardised the trial in a Mumabi court as he was the prime accused besides Salem, the sources told PTI.

– Salem's hit man escapes from UP jail. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 2.

The police on April 15 chargesheeted extradited gangster Abu Salem and co-accused Shah Alam for their alleged complicity in the murder of Ajit Dewani, former secretary to actress Manisha Koirala.

– Dewani murder: Abu Salem chargesheeted. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 2.

Dhadda, Sidhraj

Sidhraj Dhadda died on March 9, fighting till the last of his 98 years for the greater of causes — the people and their democratic rights for survival and freedom. He was a political saint, if ever there was one, as devoted to the common cause as to his daily routine of puja and yoga. A man of rare honour: an uncompromising critic of successive governments, regardless of political colours and personalities, for their subjugation of the common people. An indefatigable crusader: from the Quit India Movement, when the British jailed him, through the Emergency, when also he was put behind bars, to his impassioned campaigns against communal fascism and surrender to capitalist globalisation.

– Saintly crusader. *Tribune.* March 13, 2006: 13.

Dhaliwal, D.S. (Justice)

The Lok Pal in Punjab is a toothless tiger. It doesn't enjoy the powers its counterparts do in other states like Tamil Nadu said Punjab Lok Pal Justice D.S. Dhaliwal (retd) while interacting with reporters on the sidelines of a seminar on World Mental Health Day in Bathinda on October 13.

– Lok Pal toothless tiger, says Justice Dhaliwal. *Tribune.* Oct. 14, 2006: 4.

Dhaliwal, R.S. (Prof)

The CBI has filed a chargesheet against the Head of the PGI Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Department, Prof R.S. Dhaliwal "for allegedly conspiring with private chemists in the purchase of artificial heart volves and other accessories at high rates and sharing the profit with suppliers".

– CBI chargesheets PGI doctor. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 2.

Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr)

The SGPC president, Mr Avtar Singh, on February 3 placed Dr U.S. Dhaliwal, Principal, Guru Ram Dass Medical College, under suspension with immediate

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effect for indulging in unconstitutional acts. Dr Dhaliwal is the third Principal in a row since the inception of the SGPC-run medical college in 1997 who has been removed unceremoniously. Earlier, Dr Hardyal Singh and Dr Surinder Singh Cheema were not allowed to complete their full term.

– Medical college Principal shown the door. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006:1.

"The Shri Guru Ram Dass Charitable Trust (SGRDCT) has been putting responsibility on the Director-Principal for recovery of dues of wards of certain VIPs by countless resolutions passed from 2001 to December 23, 2005. In fact, it is the implementation of these Trust orders that has resulted in my suspension. The parents have been 'boldly' ignoring these Trust orders."

– Dhaliwal accuses trustee of pressure tactics. *Sunday Tribune.* February 05, 2006: 4.

Taking a tough stand against ousted Principal of the Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Dr U.S Dhaliwal, SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar said in Ludhiana on February 6 that an inquiry committee was being constituted to look into "omissions and commissions" by him.

– SGPC takes tough stand against ousted Principal. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 5.

The Sri Guru Ram Das Charitable Hospital Trust (SGRDCHT) seems to be divided over the reinstatement of Dr U.S. Dhaliwal, as Principal of the SGPC run Medical College. He was suspended on February 3 for allegedly indulging in 'unconstitutional charges'.

– Hospital trust divided over reinstatement of college Principal. *Tribune.* June 01, 2006: 7.

Dhami, Kanwarpal Singh

Within a day of the Punjab Police having picked up Khalistan ideologue Dr Jagjit Singh Chohan, the Mohali police on March 9 arrested, Khalistan sympathiser Kanwarpal Singh Dhami of the Akal Federation on charges of sedition and making anti-national statements.

– Mohali cops book Dhami for sedition. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 1.

Dhanda, Harish Rai

Former Ludhiana District Bar Association president, Harish Rai Dhanda was on January 3 unanimously elected Chairman of the Bar-Council of Punjab and Haryana.

– Dhanda new Bar Council chief. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 3.

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Dhanda, Rajinder Singh

Mr Justice Ajai Lamba has dismissed the plea for grant of anticipatory bail filed by Mr Rajinder Singh Dhanda, the former Managing Director of Urban Cooperative Bank, in a case of cheating and fraud registered by the Panchkula police. A case against Mr Dhanda and four others, including two officers of the Bank, had been registered on July 30 on the directions of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Panchkula, The allegation against them is that they misused their position to cheat gullible persons while dealing with loan requests.

– No anticipatory bail for former bank MD. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006:3.

Dhar, Nikhil

A 22-year-old Indian student accused of stabbing his female professor over his poor grades has been charges with intent to murder by a US jury.

– Indian student charged with intent to murder. *Tribune.* Feb. 13, 2006: 9.

Dharam Pal

Riders of the Delhi Police bagged top positions in the show jumping novice rounds on the inaugural day of the Chandigarh Horse Show 2006 in Chandigarh on April 23. Constable Dharam Pal bagged the first position followed by Capt R. Dagar of 61 Cavalry.

– Delhi Police riders bag top honours. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 19.

Dharam Singh, N.

Scripting a new chapter in opportunistic politics, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's son H.D. Kumarswamy on January 27 teamed up with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to set the wheel rolling for the fall of the Congress-led Dharam Singh Government in Karnataka.

– Dharam Singh govt set to fall. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 1.

A firm stand by the Karnataka Governor, Mr T.N. Chaturvedi, on January 28 left no option open for the CM, Mr N. Dharam Singh, but to resign from his post. In an equally quick move, the Governor invited breakaway Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy to from the government, ending political uncertainty on this score. The new government will take charge on February 3.

– Kumaraswamy to take oath on Feb 3. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 1.

Dharamvir

The Chief Parliamentary Secretary of Haryana, Mr Dharamvir, has been

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accused of encroaching upon forest land in Bhiwani,. The allegation has come, not from an opposition party, but from the Forest Department. Mr Dharamvir, when contacted, denied the allegation. However, the Forest Minister, Mrs Kiran Choudhary, confirmed the incident.

– CPS 'encroaches' on forest land. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 1.

Dharia, Mohan

Unless Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is able to presuade the former Union Minister Mohan Dharia to call off his proposed strike, the Centre may have little option but to accede to his demand for a reduction on farm loans to 4 per cent.

– PM to meet Dharia on farm loans. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 2.

Dharmani, Pankaj

Veteran wicketkeeper-batsman Pankaj Dharmani will lead the Punjab Ranji Trophy team for the first two matches to be played at the PCA Stadium in Mohali.

– Dharmani to lead Punjab. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 22.

Dhaulpuri, Mehmood

In January this year, Mehmood Dhaulpuri wrote history by becoming the first harmonium player in the country to be presented with the civilian honour of Padma Shri.

– His love for harmonium earns him Padma Shri. *Tribune.* April 25, 2006:3.

Dhawan, Manish

Manish Dhawan of Holy Heart High School (HHHS) Amritsar has stood first in Punjab by securing 96 per cent marks in the Matriculation Examination as per the results declared by the ICSE in Amritsar on May 18.

– Manish tops ICSE exam in Punjab. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 5.

Dheer, Gautam

The Punjab and Haryana HC on March 2 pointed to the lapses in the arrest and subsequent release "within hours" of *The Indian Express* reporter Gautam Dheer by the Punjab Police in the infamous Nayagaon minor girl's rape case.

- Dheer case: HC points to lapses in arrest, release. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 3.

Dhillon, Baljit Singh

"Lack of dedication, zeal, vigour and proper planning were the main reasons for the lifeless display put up by the Indian hockey team in the World Cup in

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Germany" said former Olympian Baljit Singh Dhillon while talking to the *Tribune* in Chandigarh on September 16.

– Team work was missing: Baljit. *Sunday Tribune.* Sept. 17, 2006: 23.

Dhillon, Hardeep

Though only four hockey players from Punjab will play for India in the Doha Asian Games, both the men's and women's hockey teams will have their managers from the State — Hardeep Singh Dhillon and Rajbir Kaur Rai, repsectively.

– Hardeep, Rajbir hockey team managers. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006:19.

Dhillon, Kewal

Renowned industrialist and politician Kewal Dhillon has been appointed Chairman of the Punjab Arts Council. Mr Dhillon has a vast experience in trade, industry and various fields.

– Dhillon is Arts Council chief. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 5.

Dhillon, S.S. (Lt-Gen)

Lt Gen S.S. Dhillon, GOC of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps, is proceeding to take over as Master General Ordnance at Army Headquarters in New Delhi. He had taken over as the 15 Corps Commander on June 17 last year and was given a farewell on October 22. Lt Gen Dhillon, currently Colonel of the Granediers regiment, was recently accorded felicitation by the senior citizens and officers at Baramulla in North Kashmir. He had taken part in active operations during the 1971 war.

– Lt Gen Dhillon to take charge as Master Gen. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 6.

Dhillon, T.S.

Former shooter T.S. Dhillon, Deputy Inspector General of Police, CRPF, Jalandhar Range, has been chosen for the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service by the President.

– President's Police Medal for T.S. Dhillon. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 20.

Dhiman, Sarkar

Dhiman Sarkar of *The Hindustan Times*, Kolkata, and Shailesh Chaturvedi of *The Dainik Hindustan*, New Delhi, won three top honours apiece — including the best writer award in their respective categories — in the Tata Sports Journalism Annuals Awards which were given at a function in Mumbai on August 10.

– SJFI awards. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 20.

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Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh

With the ensuing Assembly elections in mind, Mr Parkash Singh Badal, president, SAD, on February 3 appointed Mr Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, Secretary-General of the SAD, as chairman of the poll manifesto committee of the party.

– Dhindsa is SAD poll panel chief. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 6.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Secretary-General Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa will head the nine-member committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the SAD on the seat-sharing arrangement for the Assembly elections.

– Dhindsa to head SAD-BJP seat-sharing panel. *Tribune.* July 10, 2006:4.

Secretary-General, SAD, Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa on September 26 indirectly admitted that the party was having differences with the state unit of the BJP over the distribution of ticket for the coming Assembly election.

– Ticket: Dhindsa admits to differences with BJP. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 5.

Dhonchak, M.M.

The Punjab and Haryana HC has suspended Mr M.M. Dhonchak, Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Narnaul, with immediate effect.

– Narmaul CJM suspended. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 7.

Dhoni, Mahendra Singh

Mahendra Singh Dhoni smashed a lusty unbeaten 116 as the lower order batsmen pulled India out of the pits and restored balance in the second cricket Test against Pakistan in Faisalabad on January 23.

– Dhoni batters Pakistani attack. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 18.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni slammed a swashbuckling unbeaten 72 as Indian showed great character and self-belief to script a sensational five-wicket victory and take a 2-1 lead in the five-match one-day series in Lahore February 13.

– Dhoni's blitz sinks Pak. *Tribune.* February 14, 2006: 18.

Yuvraj Singh and Mahendra Singh Dhoni came together once again to unleash exhilarating strokeplay as India wrapped up the one-day cricket series 4-1 with a resounding eight-wicket victory against Pakistan in Karachi on February 19.

– Yurvaj, Dhoni star in India's win. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 18.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni has smashed his way into the third place in one-day batting rankings, becoming the first Indian batsman to occupy a top three

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slot since Sachin Tendulkar in 2004.

– Dhoni's ODI ranking soars. *Tribune.* February 21, 2006: 18.

The Jharkhand Government on Thursday felicitated team India's swashbuckling wicketkeeper-batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni and allotted him a free plot of land in a prime locality in Ranchi.

– Dhoni honoured. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 20.

In a decision that may have a crucial bearing on the India-England Test, K Hariharan, the third umpire, dealt a big blow to the Indian team by declaring Mahendra Singh Dhoni run out when he was taking the England attack by the scruff, having top scored with 64.

– Was Dhoni out? *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 19.

Skipper Rahul Dravid on March 31 said the manner in which youngsters Suresh Raina and Mahendra Singh Dhoni went about winning the second one-day international against England on March 31 was a "great sign" for the future.

– Dravid salutes young guns. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 22.

Swashbuckling wicket-keeper-batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni on April 20 became the world's top batsman in one-day rankings with a phenomenal average of 52.76 and an awesome strike-rate of 103.

– Dhoni on top of the world. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 1.

Dhumal, Prem Kumar

The State BJP has taken strong exception to targeting former CM and senior party leader, Prem Kumar Dhumal and implicating him in false cases by Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh.

– BJP flays CM for targeting Dhumal. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 9.

Dias, Ivan (Archbishop)

Pope Benedict XVI on May 20 appointed Cardinal Ivan Dias, Archbishop of Mumbai, as the Vatican's Prefect of the Congregation of Evangelisation of Peoples.

– Mumbai's archbishop as Vatican's prefect. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 2.

Digvijay Singh

Digivjay Singh got the better of Ashok Kumar in a closely fought contest to capture his first title of the season at the Rs 10 lakh DDA Open Golf Championship on Friday.

– Digvijay wins. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 22.

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Digvijay Singh

Even as the Congress has desisted from taking an official position on the mercy petition of Mohammad Afzal, party leaders have begun voicing their opinion against Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad seeking Presidential clemency for Afzal. Answering queries from mediaperson, AICC General-Secretary, Digvijay Singh opposed pardon for the militant.

– No leniency for Afzal: Digvijay. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 2.

Dikshit, Sheila

Inaugurating the 12th edition of the New Delhi Book Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on September 16, Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit described books as the ultimate source of knowledge and wisdom.

– Books build character: Sheila. *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 4.

Diljot Singh

Diljot Singh is a child of four, but hardly looks his age. His weight is 43 kg and height 4' 4". His diet is on a par with any teenager. And his physical strength is tremendous.

– Weight and see. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 15.

Dilraj Singh

The Majitha police on February 23 dismissed its four personnel for dereliction of duty following sensational escape of a convict, Dilraj Singh, from the Guru Nanak Dev Hospital on Amritsar. They have been dismissed by evoking Article 311 (2) (B) of the Constitution.

– Escape of convict: four cops dismissed. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006:5.

Divigikar, Varun

Varun Divigikar became the fastest swimmer of the meet when he won the mens 50m freestyle in 23.97 seconds.

– Swimmers continue to make a splash. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 18.

Diwakar Prasad

Young pugilist Diwakar Prasad was on March 2 included in an 11-member Indian boxing team for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Melbourne from March 15 to 26.

– Diwakar included. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 20.

Dogar, K.P.

The CPMT scam took its toll when Mr K.P. Dogar, the Controller of

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Examination of the Himachal Pradesh University resigned from the position he had been holding since the past three years.

– HP varsity controller of exams resigning. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 9.

Dogra, Harish Kumar

Compounding diplomatic misconduct with what is considered as grave insubordination by demanding the resignation of Foreign Secretary, Shyam Saran, India's High Commissioner to New Zealand Harish Kumar Dogra might have to hang his boots as a career diplomat prematurely before superannuating.

– Envoy to New Zealand faces action. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 9.

After defying his recall orders for over a month, India's High Commissioner to New Zealand, Harish Kumar Dogra has handed over the charge and proceeded on leave till the end of September when Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran is due to retire. Mr Dogra asked the head of the diplomatic service to prove the charges against him or resign. Mr Dogra has also approached the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in New Delhi challenging the recall order.

– Dogra moves CAT against Saran. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 2.

In a firm action against defiant diplomat Harish Kumar Dogra, the Union Government has not only stripped him of his accreditation as an envoy to New Zealand but also appointed on April 19 a 1975-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Mr K.P. Ernst, as his successor.

– Govt cracks whip against Dogra, Ernst new envoy. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 20.

The Ministry of External Affairs has revoked the diplomatic passport of Mr Harish Kumar dogra, nearly a month after withdrawing his accreditation as Indian High Commissioner to New Zealand.

– Dogra's diplomatic passport revoked. *Tribune.* May 16, 2006: 20.

Dogra, Sunita

In a major victory for Chandigarh girl, Sunita Dogra and many other aspiring UPSC candidates like her, who are suffering from the upper-arm disability, the Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disability (CCPD) has asked the UPSC to allow Sunita and all other cases with similar disability "scribes of their choice as per norms" for the May 14 Civil Services Examination (preliminary).

– Sunita allowed a "scribe" for UPSC exam. *Tribune.* May 10, 2006: 20.

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Dohre, Virendra Kumar

Following the Uttar Pradesh Government's directive, the state police has lunched a hunt to arrest Mahoba Subdivisional Magistrate, Virendra Kumar Dohre for allegedly raping his daughter. The case dates back to October, 2006, when Dohre's daughter filed an FIR alleging harassment and rape by her father.

– Hunt on for 'rapist' SDM. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 2.

Dravid, Rahul

Skipper Rahul Dravid, thanks to his unbeaten ton against Pakistan, climbed to the joint fourth place in the latest LG ICC Test Player Rankings.

– Dravid climbs to joint fourth. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 18.

India have been docked 10 per cent of their match fees and Captain Rahul Dravid 20 per cent for slow over rates during the first oneday international against Pakistan in Peshawar on February 7. Match referee Chris Board imposed the fines after India were two overs slower than the required rate in the 50-over match.

– India, Dravid fined. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006: 18.

The national selectors on March 18 gave a thumbs up to the captaincy of Rahul Dravid on his 100th Test appearance in Mumbai on March 18 by appointing him to the helm of the Indian team's affairs till the World Cup next year.

– Dravid retained as captain till World Cup. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 23.

The sports journalists fraternity was seen in poor light on March 27 when the Indian Captain Rahul Dravid walked out of a press conference at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground in New Delhi on March 27.

– Dravid walks out of press conference. *Tribune.* March 28, 2006: 18.

Dravid has moved back up to second place in the rankings for Test batsmen after his 146 against the West Indies during the drawn second Test in St Lucia. Dravid's 23rd Test hundred has lifted him above Inazamam-ul Haq of Pakistan and South Africa's Jacques Kallis and now only Rickwy Ponting is ahead of him on the list.

– Dravid back at No. 2 in Test rankings. *Tribune.* June 16, 2006: 23.

Indian skipper Rahul Dravid has come under flak from former all-rounder Ravi Shastri who said it was time he asserted himself and called the shots instead of coach Greg Chappell.

– Shastri slams Dravid's style of captaincy. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006:18.

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Skipper Rahul Dravid is the only batsman who figures in the latest LG ICC top ten players rankings in the third spot. Virender Sehwag is a distant 17th.

– Dravid only Indian batsman in top 10. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 20.

Dua, Amarjit Singh

The Guru Nanak Dev University Syndicate on September 8, removed Dr Amarjit Singh Dua before he could complete his term as Dean, College Development Council.

– GND varsity Dean sacked. *Tribune.* September 09, 2006: 4.

Dua, H.K.

Kurukshetra University began its golden jubilee celebrations on January 11 with honouring two illustrious sons of the country — Mr E. Sreedharan, Managing Director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, and Mr H.K.Dua, Editor-in-Chief of *The Tribune* Group of Publications. Mr Sreedharan was conferred the *honoris causa* degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc), while Mr Dua was decorated with the *honoris causa* degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Lit) at a special convocation in Kurukshetra by the Chancellor of the University, Dr A.R. Kidwai.

– KU honours Sreedharan, Dua. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006: 1.

Dua, Lalit

Sebi has directed Mr Lalit Dua, Director, LRS Portfolio & Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd and a Sebi registered sub broker, 'to cease and desist from giving any recommendations about investment in the securities market in any public media' breaching the regulations.

– Sebi bar on Lalit Dua's recommendations. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 16.

Dubey, A.K.

Punjab's former Home Secretary, A.K. Dubey has been appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD), Food Corporation of India. Orders to relieve him of his present duties were issued on March 1. Mr Dubey, a Punjab cadre IAS officer, had opted for deputation with the Government of India, when he was not selected as Chief Secretary in January.

– A.K. Dubey is CMD of FCI. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 5.

Senior Punjab-cadre IAS officer A.K. Dubey, at present posted as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Food Corporation of India, has been appointed the Punjab State Election Commissioner.

– A.K. Dubey is state Election Commissioner. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 6.

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Dubey, Lillete

Theatre person Lillete Dubey has won the best director award while the play "Sarhad Paar Manto" from Kolkata received the best theatre production award at the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards instituted by a corporate, at a function held in New Delhi.

– Lillete wins best director award. *Sunday Tribune.* February 12, 2006:2.

Dubey, P.K.

Governor T.V. Rajeswar and the Allhabad HC are at daggers drawn over the transfer and subsequent suspension of Mr P.K. Dubey, the additional legal adviser to the Raj Bhavan. The High Court on June 23 ordered the cancellation of all orders emanting from the Uttar Pradesh Governor's Secretariat regarding the cancellation or suspension of the then additional legal adviser to the Governor. The court also ordered the Principal Secretary to the Governor, Mr Luv Verma, to appear in the Court on July 4, the next date of hearing, along with the entire records relating to Mr Dubey. Notices were also issued to the Union Home Secretary, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary (Law) and the Registrar-General of the High Court. The high court took this extreme step in view of Mr Dubey continuing in his post despite his transfer on the orders of the High Court and suspension on June 6 for non-compliance with the order. Mr Dubey had first been posted as Additional District and Sessions Judge in the Lucknow district court. He had now been directed to join as Additional District Judge (under suspension) at Ballia. The Governor had refused to recognise the transfer order and viewing it as an infringement of his rights, had reportedly been quoting Article 233 of the Constitution, along with a 21-year-old government order.

– Adviser's transfer can blow up. *Tribune.* June 25, 2006: 2.

Dullo, Shamsher Singh

The Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President, Shamsher Singh Dullo, on August 10 offered to step down from his post if the alleged misconduct of his son at Shimla was proved correct. Mr Dullo challenged Mr Parkash Singh Badal, President, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), to head an inquiry after taking a dip in the holy waters at Harmander Sahib and submit an unbiased report.

– Dullo offers to resign if son's misconduct proved. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 15.

Shamsher Singh Dullo on October 6 warned against granting clemency to Afzal Guru, convict in the Parliament attack case. He said, this would convey

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a wrong signal to enemies of the country, threatening its sovereignty and integrity.

– Dullo warns against clemency to Afzal. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006: 5.

Dungarpur, Raj Singh

BCCI President Sharad Pawar on January 8 sought to down play the controversy regarding Indian cricket team manager Raj Singh Dungarpur's reported remarks on Sourav Ganguly, saying that he believed Dungapur's version.

– Pawar back Dungarpur. *Tribune.* January 09, 2006: 1.

Dutt, Amar (Justice)

The Punjab and Haryana HC Judge, Mr Justice Amar Dutt, attained superannuation on August 22.

– HC Judge Amar Dutt retires. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 5.

Decks have been cleared for the appointment of Justice Amar Dutt as Punjab's Chief Vigilance Commissioner.

– Justice Amar Dutt may be Punjab Vigilance chief. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 22.

The Shiromani Akali Dal on September 28 questioned the move to appoint a retired Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court as the State Vigilance Commissioner. The SAD alleged that Justice Amar Dutt, whose name had been suggested for appointment, was a close friend of the Punjab CM, Capt Amarinder Singh.

– SAD opposes Dutt as Vigilance Commissioner. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 6.

The Punjab Government on October 4 appointed Justice Amar Dutt the State Chief Vigilance Commissioner.

– Justice Dutt is Chief Vigilance Commissioner. *Tribune.* October 05, 2006:8.

The Punjab Governor, Gen S.F. Rodrigues (retd), on October 6 administered the oath of office to Justice Amar Dutt as state Chief Vigilance Commissioner at a brief ceremony in the Punjab Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh.

– Dutt sworn in as Chief Vigilance Commissioner. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006:4.

Dutt, Barkha

NDTV's Barkha Dutt on April 12 bagged the 'Journalist of the Year, Broadcast' award while Varghese K. George (Indian Express) and Praveen

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Swami (Frontline) shared the 'Journalist of the Year, Print' honour at the first Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards, touted as the Indian equivalent of the American Pulitzer Prize.

– 'Journalist of the Year' award for Brakha Dutt. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006:2.

Dutt, Nirupma

The Haryana Institute of Fine Arts (HIFA) has conferred Kalahans Samman award upon the music maestro, Pt Jasraj. In the field of art journalism, *The Tribune* staffer, Ms Nirupma Dutt, has won the Kalabhaskar Samman award.

– Institute honours Pt Jasraj. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006: 7.

Dutt, Sanjay

Gangster Abu Salem has revealed details of how he transported assault rifles and weapons in the days before the 1993 serial bomb blasts that rocked Mumbai. The confessional statement made by Salem before the CBI was opened on March 1. Salem told investigators that he had delivered two or three AK-56 rifles and ammunition to Sanjay Dutt.

– I gave AK-56 rifles to Dutt, admits Salem. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 1.

The special court set up under the Terrorism and Disruptive Activities Act to hear the 1993 bomb blasts cases on November 28 held actor Sanjay Dutt guilty under the Arms Act for possession an AK-56 assault rifle and a pistol. Judge Pramod Kode of the TADA court ruled that Sanjay Dutt was no terrorist and cleared him of criminal conspiracy in the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts.

– Not a terrorist, just gun-keeper. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 1.

Actor Sanjay Dutt, who faces a prison term of up to 10 years following his conviction in the 1993 serial blasts case, on November 30 sought leniency from the TADA court in Mumbai. He said he was the sole earning member of his family.

– Sanjay pleads for leniency. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 1.

Bollywood will shut down on December 12 to express the film industry's solidarity with actor Sanjay Dutt. Though acquitted of terrorism charges by the TADA court, the actor has been found guilty under the Arms Act for keeping an automatic assault rifle and a 9mm pistol.

– Bollywood shutdown for Dutt on Dec 12. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006:24.

Dutt, Yogeshwar

Lady luck smiled on the Indian grapplers as Yogeshwar Dutt bagged an

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unexpected bronze medal in the Asian Games freestyle wrestling event in Doha on December 13.

– Wrestling: Dutt wins bronze. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 22.

Dutta, Jyoti Kishan

Jyoti Kishan Dutta, Director-General of NSG, has taken over the additional charge of Director-General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) following the retirement of J.K. Sinha on November 30. Mr Dutta, an IPS officer of 1971 batch, West Bengal cadre, had been the Special Director of CBI before joining the NSG.

– J.K. Dutta is Director-General of CRPF. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006:2.

Dwivedi, Janardhan

Supporters of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal led by organising secretary of the Haryana Congress, Yogendra Nath Malhotra on July 6 burnt the effigy of Congress General-Secretary and in charge of Haryana, Janardhan Dwivedi at Shantmai Chowk in Rohtak on July 6.

– Effigy of Janardhan Dwivedi burnt. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006: 7.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on July 8 turned her attention to pending organisational matters when she effected a major reshuffle of the AICC's media department and appointed AICC General-Secretary Janardhan Dwivedi as its chairman.

– Dwivedi is AICC media in charge. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 2.

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Edwin Raju

Weightlifters Edwin Raju and Tejinder Singh, who tested positive at the recent Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, were slapped with life bans by the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) on April 9.

– Life ban slapped on Raju, Tejinder. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 18.

Engles, Derick (Dr)

Dr Derick Engles has been appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Guru Nanak Dev University, till June 30, 2008. This was stated in a press note issued in Amritsar on December 13.

– Dr Engles appointed Dean. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 14.

Ernst, K.P.

In a firm action against defiant diplomat Harish Kumar Dogra, the Union Government has not only stripped him of his accreditation as an envoy to New Zealand but also appointed on April 19 a 1975-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Mr K.P. Ernst, as his successor. Mr Dogra's accreditation was cancelled following his recall about a month-and-a-half back over complaints against him.

– Govt cracks whip against Dogra, Ernst new envoy. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 20.

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Falahi, Shahid Badr

A case of sedition against SIMI national president Shahid Badr Falahi and 11 others pending before the fast track court of Bahraich was withdrawn on September 06 due to "inherent lacuna and insufficient evidence".

– Case against SIMI leader withdrawn. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 2.

Farooq, Umer, Mirwaiz

All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Chairman Mirwaiz Umer Farooq has said that "international mediation" and "guarantee" are imperative for achieving a solution of the Kashmir issue.

– Mirwaiz for global guarantee on Kashmir. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 9.

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was unanimously re-elected as the Chairman of the Hurriyat Conference for the next two years at the party headquarters in Srinagar on November 7 ahead of the Pugwash meeting to discuss Kashmir this weekend.

– Umar Farooq retains top post in Hurriyat. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006:6.

Fazili, M.R.

Four scientists and a research scholar, including M.R. Fazili, of the Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University have been honoured with the Best Review Article Award. They have got the award for their article published in the *Intas Polivet Journal* (Vol 1, No. 6).

– Award for scientists, student. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 15.

Fazl-ur-Rahman

The Delhi Police on August 7 claimed to have arrested a member of the Dawood Ibrahim gang, Fazl-ur-Rahman, against whom a red corner notice was issued by the Interpol. He was also named in the most wanted criminals' list of the CBI.

– Dawood aide arrested. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 2.

Fernandes, George

Reacting to a news report about a Muslim specific survey of the three wings of the armed forces, the former Defence Minister has said that the exercise reportedly initiated on the orders of the Prime Minister's office, is

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anti-national... there can be no minority and majority in the armed forces and people behind such ideas are working to weaken the Indian armed forces and break their morale. "I do not know who in government decided that the Indian armed forces should from now on be identified by their religion. Whosoever took such a decision is not just an enemy of the nation but also wholly ignorant of India's security concerns."

– Fernanades flays survey. *Tribune.* February 13, 2006: 2.

Describing as an insult to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi the entry into the Rajghat complex on March 2 of sniffer dogs accompanying US security personnel, JD-U leader George Fernandes on March 3 demanded an apology from US President George W. Bush over the incident.

– Fernandes, Naqvi take exception to entry of dogs. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 2.

NDA convener and former Janata Dal (United) president, George Fernandes has no regrets of having given a deserving snub to his partymen by staying away from the two-day National Executive which concluded in New Delhi on August 27.

– Fernandes has no regrets. *Tribune.* August 28, 2006: 20.

In a major development in the Defence deal cases, the CBI has registered an FIR against former Defence Minister George Fernandes, his associate and former President of Samata Party, Jaya Jaitley and former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar, for alleged irregularities in the Barak Missile System Deal worth Rs 1150 crore with an Israeli firm.

– FIR against Fernandes, Jaya, ex-Navy chief. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006:1.

The Congress on October 10 officially distanced itself from the CBI's move to file an FIR against former Defence Minister George Fernandes...

– Cong: FIR against George not politically motivated. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006: 2.

The Left parties on October 11 rapped former Defence Minister and NDA convenor George Fernandes for dragging the names of President APJ Kalam and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi in the controversial deal of Israeli Barak missile.

– Left raps Fernandes for dragging Kalam, Sonia in Barak deal. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 16.

Firdaus

Firdaus, a north India-based gangster wanted in the killing of BJP MLA Krishnanand Rai of Uttar Pradesh was gunned down in an operation

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conducted jointly by police teams from Mumbai and UP.

– Murder accused gunned down. *Tribune*. April 20, 2006: 1.

Foujdar, Santosh Kumar (Justice)

Justice Santosh Kumar Foujdar, a former judge of the Calcutta and Allahabad High Courts, was appointed on July 24 as an independent observer of the July 30 CAB (Cricket Association of Bengal) elections.

– Court appoints Foujdar as observer. *Tribune*. July 25, 2006: 18.

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Gaekwad, Anshuman

Former Indian opener Anshuman Gaekwad on October 8 criticised coach Greg Chappell's tendency to experiment and putting too much faith in juniors, even though he said the hosts had the potential to win the ICC Champions Trophy.

– Gaekwad slams Chappell. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 18.

Gagan Ajit Singh

Drag-flicker Jugraj Singh on April 3 returned to the national side after a gap of three years, while striker Gagan Ajit Singh was recalled to lead the 18-member Indian hockey team for the four-nation tournament to be played at Monchengladbach, Germany, from April 15 to 17.

– Gagan Ajit to lead India. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 18.

Experienced striker Gagan Ajit Singh and midfielders Ignance Trikey and Vikram Pillay have failed to find a place in the list of 23 probables named on November 4 for the men's hockey team for the Doha Asian Games.

– Gagan Ajit, Ignance, Kanwalpreet dropped. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006: 22.

Gairola, P.L.

Mr P.L. Gairola, a career banker, has taken over as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Dena Bank. He will have a tenure of over two and-a-half years till December 2008.

– Dena Bank CMD. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 17.

Gaj Singh II, Maharaja

A non-profit organisation dedicated to preserving endangered architectural sites worldwide has decided to honour Maharaja Gaj Singh II of Jodhpur for his contribution to preserving cultural heritage. The World Monuments Fund (WMF) has decided to confer the prestigious Hadrian Award on the Maharaja. The award is given annually for foremost contribution to the preservation of cultural and architectural heritage. The award will be presented at a special ceremony.

– Award for Maharaja of Jodhpur. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 15.

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Gambhir, Gautam

A rampaging Gautam Gambhir slammed an unbeaten 142 as India A hammered Pakistani A by 130 runs in a Top End series limited-overs match at the Marrara Cricket Ground, Darwin, on July 6.

– Gambhir stars in India A win. *Tribune*. July 07, 2006: 19.

Gandhi, Maneka

Animal rights activist and Member of Parliament, Maneka Gandhi has been appointed Chairperson of the International Energy Globe Jury to decide and present the annual Energy Globe Award.

– Maneka heads Energy Globe Jury. *Sunday Tribune*. April 30, 2006: 2.

The CBI on August 17 filed two cases against former Union Minister Maneka Gandhi and five others, including her sister, for allegedly diverting funds from the Maulana Azad Educational Foundation (MAFE) during her tenure as Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment in the NDA Government.

– CBI files 2 cases against Maneka. *Tribune*. August 18, 2006: 2.

Former Union Minister and BJP MP Maneka Gandhi on August 18 denounced the FIR filed against her by the CBI and alleged that the investigating agency was compelled by the UPA Chairperson, Ms Sonia Gandhi, to file "false and fictitious" cases against her.

– Case at behest of Sonia: Maneka. *Tribune*. August 19, 2006: 2.

Gandhi, Rahul

The Congress on January 23 witnessed the emergence of a new leader with the arrival of Rahul Gandhi on the political centre stage. The party's heir-apparent announced his arrival at the ongoing AICC plenary session with his first major speech which dwelt essentially on three points: strengthening the Congress in the Northern belt, assigning a larger role to younger leaders in party affairs, and giving greater recognition to the Party's grassroots workers.

– Rahul wants larger role for young leaders. *Tribune*. January 24, 2006: 1.

The Congress on August 6 announced that Mr Rahul Gandhi would be accompanying Congress President and his mother, Sonia Gandhi to formally launch the Party's campaign in Uttar Pradesh.

– Rahul to launch Cong campaign in UP. *Tribune*. August 07, 2006: 2.

Lok Sabha MP and Congress Party's heir apparent Rahul Gandhi sought and got a shift from the Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Home

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Ministry to the panel attached with the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry setting off furious speculation in the Congress. His request was granted after the young MP wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker, Mr Somnath Chatterjee, in this connection when the standing committees were reconstituted recently.

– Rahul Gandhi shifted to HRD panel. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 2.

Congress on December 27 frowned upon the idea floated by RJD chief Lalu Prasad of projecting Rahul Gandhi as UPA's chief ministerial candidate in Uttar Pradesh saying that the Party looks upon the young MP as the future leader of the country as also the organisation.

– Cong frowns on Lalu's idea about Rahul. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006:20.

Gandhi, Sonia

BJP leader Sushma Swaraj on September 22 said her party's opposition to Ms Gandhi becoming the Prime Minister was vindicated by the recent defreezing of accounts of Italian businessman Ottavio Quattrocchi. "Quattrocchi is neither related to Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh or the CBI so now it is proved that it is the Italian blood that mattered," Ms Swaraj told a women's party rally at the Kanaklata Shetra in Guwahati.

– Sonia involved in Quattrocchi case: Swaraj. *Tribune.* January 23, 2006:2.

The BJP on January 23 charged the UPA government with scripting the "help Quattrocchi mission" under the directions of Congress President Sonia Gandhi.

– 'Help Quattrocchi mission' under Sonia: BJP. *Tribune.* Jan. 24, 2006: 12.

The grant of Indian citizenship to Sonia Gandhi has been challenged on the ground that she still holds the Italian citizenship which is a disqualification to acquire the citizenship of India. A Bench of Mr Justice Vijender Jain and Mr Justice Sanjiv Khanna issued the direction to the Government while hearing a public interest litigation.

– HC seeks verdicts on Sonia's citizenship. *Tribune.* February 03, 2006:8.

Sonia Gandhi promised to nab those responsible for the blasts as soon as possible and ensure that they are punished.

– Sonia in tears. *Tribune.* March 09, 2006: 1.

"Prime facie, Sonia Gandhi's position as chairperson of the National Advisory Council too attracts provisions of disqualification under the Constitution," BJP spokesman Prakash Javadekar told newspersons in New Delhi.

– After Jaya Bachchan, BJP targets Sonia. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 24.

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The Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) on March 19 asked the Election Commission of India to disqualify Congress President Sonia Gandhi for the same reasons it disqualified Samajwadi MP Jaya Bachchan.

– Badal asks EC to disqualify Sonia also. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006: 4.

Stung by the Election Commission report on the Jaya Bachchan disqualification issue and reminiscent of the time when she steered clear of the office of the Prime Minister, Congress President Sonia Gandhi sought to push an aggressive Opposition on the backfoot by resigning as chairperson of the UPA's overarching National Advisory Council as well her seat in the Lok Sabha.

– Sonia Gandhi quits Lok Sabha. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 1.

Accusing Congress President Sonia Gandhi of trying to make "virtue out of compulsion", the BJP dubbed her resignation from the Lok Sabha as "theatre of the absurd" and demanded immediate convening of a Parliament session to debate on the issue of 'office of profit' in detail.

– BJP sees drama in Sonia's resignation. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 2.

The BJP on March 24 said that the resignation by the AICC chief, Mrs Sonia Gandhi, was just a publicity stunt intended to project herself as an idol of sacrifice and to influence voters in the ensuing State elections.

– Sonia's resignation publicity stunt: BJP. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 10.

The Congress President, Ms Sonia Gandhi, has resigned from the post of the Chairperson of the 86-year-old Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Trust (JBNMT).

– Sonia quits as Jallianwala Trust chief. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 5.

Following up on her resignation from the Lok Sabha and the National Advisory Council, Congress President Sonia Gandhi has now resigned from all the socio-cultural organisations which she heads or patronises. These include all those connected with the Nehru-Gandhi family.

– Sonia quits all posts of "profit". *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 1.

After putting in her papers from all trusts and organisations she is associated with, Mrs Gandhi has now sent her two close aides — P.P. Mahadhavan and S.V. Pillai — to their respective parent cadres. They are government employees but were on "loan" to the Congress President's office.

– Sonia sends two aides back to govt depts. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 1.

For Congress President Sonia Gandhi it was a vindication of her decision to resign from the Lok Sabha on the office-of-profit controversy. The family

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citadel of Rae bareli returned her to Parliament on May 11 with a record margin of 4,17,888 votes. The remaining 15 candidates in the fray lost their deposits.

– A vindication for Sonia. *Tribune.* May 12, 2006: 2.

Former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh on October 29 launched a frontal attack on Congress President Sonia Gandhi saying that she was behind his recent problems with the Enforcement Directorate in the Iraqi oil-for-food scam. "Everything that the government did against me was on Sonia's direction. I will not blame Manmohan Singh," he told Star News.

– Sonia behind my problems, says Natwar. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 2.

Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray on December 27 questioned the heightened security cover for Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, saying "the fact that she is getting the same security cover as the PM is demeaning to the post". "Who is Sonia? What is her connection with this country?"

– Thackeray targets Sonia. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006: 2.

Gandhi, Varun

Strong pressure and resentment in the M.P. State unit forced the BJP to deny the Lok Sabha ticket to a scion of Gandhi-Nehru family, Varun Gandhi from Vidisha and instead go for Minister of Public Health and Engineering, Rampal Singh. The party also overlooked the claim of State CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was seeking a ticket for his wife.

– BJP denies ticket to Varun. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006: 1.

Ganguly, Ashok

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has come down heavily on the Ministry of Human Resource Development for delay in concluding an inquiry into the allegations of corruption and misuse of office against CBSE Chairman Ashok Ganguly. Taking *suo motu* cognisance of the protracted probe, the CVC has begun investigating into the charges against Mr Ganguly, Comptroller of Examinations, Pavnesh Kumar, and former Director Academics, G. Balasubramanian.

– CVC to probe allegations against CBSE chairperson. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006: 2.

Ganguly, Sourav

Sourav Ganguly was on January 3 debarred from bowling in the Ranji Trophy match against Tamil Nadu in Kolkata after he was found guilty of staying on the pitch despite repeated warnings.

– Sourav debarred from bowling. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 18.

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Kapil Dev has termed the exclusion of Sourav Ganguly from the Indian team for the Faisalabad Test as an insult to the former captain. "He is being insulted. It is very painful," the legendary all-rounder said.

– Ganguly insulted, says Kapil. *Sunday Tribune.* January 22, 2006: 22.

The national selectors on January 29 ignored Sourav Ganguly from a 15-member Indian squad for the one-day cricket series against Pakistan.

– No place for Ganguly in one-day squad. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 20.

Having no further role to play in the Indo-Pak series, Sourav Ganguly arrived in New Delhi on February 3 from Karachi along with his wife and daughter.

– Sourav confident of comeback. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 22.

India signalled the end of Sourav Ganguly's international career after dropping their former captain from the squad for the first test against England starting in Nagpur on March 1.

– Ganguly out of Nagpur Test. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 1.

Besides making a verbal complaint to the BCCI, former Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly has also written to BCCI chief Sharad Pawar, taking strong exception to coach Greg Chappell's disparaging remarks on him.

– Peeved Ganguly writes to Pawar. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 22.

Sourav Ganguly called on Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Sharad Pawar in New Delhi on March 11 and talked about the disparaging remarks made against him in a newspaper column by coach Greg Chappell.

– Ganguly calls on Pawar. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 22.

An unfit Sachin Tendulkar was left out, a struggling Mohammad Kaif retained and Sourav Ganguly was again ignored by national selectors on April 20 when they announced a 15-member Indian one-day squad that will tour the West Indies next month.

– Ganguly ignored, Kaif retained. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 18.

Sourav Ganguly on July 21 accused Mr Jagmohan Dalmiya of damaging his career by leaking the secret e-mail, which coach Greg Chappell sent to the BCCI against him. Ganguly, now in London, on July 21 sent an e-mail to Kolkata, calling upon different sports organisations to support the candidature of Mr Prasun Mukherjee, city police chief, who is also Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's presidential candidate, in the CAB elections against Mr Dalmiya.

– Dalmiya damaged my career: Ganguly. *Tribune.* July 22, 2006: 22.

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Sourav Ganguly may have lost his captaincy and a place in the Indian team after a spat with current coach Greg Chappell, but it has now transpired that even previous coach John Wright favoured his sacking.

– Wright wanted Ganguly sacked. *Sunday Tribune.* July 30, 2006: 1.

With more than 15,000 international runs under his belt, Sourav Ganguly certainly deserves a place in the Indian team, believes former coach John Wright, who also insists that he had a steady relationship with the former captain and never had any trouble working with him.

– Wright favours Sourav's return. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 18.

BCCI president Sharad Pawar on August 5 said it was up to the national selection committee whether to recall axed Bengal star Sourav Ganguly or not.

– Selectors to decide Ganguly's future, says Pawar. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006: 22.

Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly believes he is still good enough to play for India and is hurt by the way he is being treated. Ganguly, who lost captaincy and his place in the team following his sensational spat with coach Greg Chappell, refused to pinpoint any particular person for his ouster but said there was obviously someone who did not want him in the team.

– I am good enough to play for India, says Sourav. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 23.

Sourav Ganguly's chances of returning to the national team took a knock on October 4 after he was left out of the Rest of India squad for the Irani Trophy tie.

– Zaheer in, Ganguly out. *Tribune.* October 05, 2006: 18.

A leaner, fitter Sourav Ganguly slammed an unbeaten 118 to help east Zone reach 215 for four at stumps on day three of the Duleep Trophy tie against North Zone in Guwahati on November 6.

– Ganguly slams unbeaten ton. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 18.

Harbouring a never-say-die hope of clawing his way back into contention, former captain Sourav Ganguly on November 18 sought to put the lid on his feud with coach Greg Chappell and said he was ready to leave behind the chapter that marked his ouster from the team.

– Sourav extends olive branch to Chappell. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006: 22.

The national selectors on November 30 recalled former captain Sourav Ganguly to beef up the tottering Indian line up for the three-Test series

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against South Africa while giving a stern message to nonperformers like Virender Sehwag who was removed from vice-captaincy.

– Ganguly is back, VVS vice-captain. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 1.

"Sourav must be prepared for some really, really hard go at him by the South African fast bowlers and it is his ability to hold his ground which would count the most," said Wessels who was instrumental in enrolling Ganguly in Northants this summar.

– Ganguly must back himself: Wessels. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006:21.

Sourav Ganguly proved the selectors right by shouldering the team's responsibility with the fighting 83, while fellow left-hander Irfan Pathan struck an unbeaten century to dig India out from another batting crisis and help post 316 for seven against Rest of South Africa in Potchefstroom on December 7.

– Southpaws stand tall. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 23.

Selection Committee chairman Dilip Vengsarkar was happy to see that Sourav Ganguly was not "bounced out" as was expected ahead of the Wanderers Test last week. "He stood his ground. He took time to get moving but it was an exceptional performance." Ganguly's return to international cricket has been highly impressive and the decision to recall the former skipper to the Test squad has been largely credited to Vengsarkar.

– Sourav's showing exceptional: Vengsarkar. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 18.

Ganguly, Surya Shekhar

Grandmaster Surya Shekhar Ganguly missed out on his chance to be among the prize winners by a whisker by going down to second seeded GM Vladimir Akopian of Armenia in the 10th and final round of Gibtele.com Masters chess tournament at Caleta hotel in Gibraltar.

– Ganguly loses to Akopian. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 23.

Grandmaster Surya Shekhar Ganguly of the Petroleum Sports Control Board annexed the national title for the third time on the trot after scoring a memorable victory over team mate, S. Kidambi in the 21st and final round of the 43rd National 'A' chess championship in Visakhapatnam on April 18.

– Ganguly, Ghate are national champions. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 18.

Garg, Ashok (Dr)

A Hisar-based eye surgeon, Dr Ashok Garg, has been honoured with International Excellence Award by the International Academy for Advances. The award was presented to Dr Garg by the Maharashtra Governor, Mr

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S.M. Krishna at an International Conference on Eye Advances, held in Mumbai recently.

– Award for doc. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 7.

Garg, R.C. (Dr)

Dr R.C. Garg from Barnala was decorated with the IMA Dr A.K.N. Sinha National Award (2004-2005) in Chennai on December 28, 2005.

– Dr R.C. Garg. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 4.

Gaur, Gaurav

As part of the ongoing efforts, the Director of Youth Affairs Division of the Commonwelath Secretariat, Dr Fatiha Serour, on November 23 flagged off a car christened - CHETNA — HIV/AIDS Awareness on Wheels. CHETNA is part of the HIV/AIDS awareness campaign launched by Commonwealth Youth Ambassador, Gaurav Gaur in Chandigarh.

– Driving away ignorance. *Tribune.* November 25, 2006: 3.

Gaur, J.R. (Dr)

Mr Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, on April 28 released a compendium of forensic science, authored and edited by Dr J.R. Gaur, Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory, in Shimla.

– Compendium released. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 9.

Gavaskar, Sunil

The legendary Sunil Gavaskar has ridiculed suggestions that excessive cricket was burning players out, saying those who could not stand the heat should stay out. Gavaskar, who is also the Chairman of ICC's Cricketing Committee, said he was surprised at cricketers complaining about the calender as representing one's country was an honour.

– Gavaskar appalled at cricketers' attitude. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 19.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has accused former Indian captain, Sunil Gavaskar of influencing ICC decisions and demanded change of guard in the Cricket Committee of the world governing body.

– PCB wants Gavaskar out of ICC panel. *Tribune.* April 28, 2006: 22.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on April 28 hit back at its Pakistani counterpart and said the PCB's reservations over Sunil Gavaskar's functioning as ICC Cricket Committee Chairman were unwarranted.

– BCCI puts its weight behind Gavaskar. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 22.

ESPN-Star Sports has renewed its broadcasting contract with batting legend Sunil Gavaskar for a term of two years. As per the new contract, Gavaskar

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will comment on live cricket matches being televised by the network. Gavaskar will also play a key role as an expert panelist on cricket-related programming on the network, besides appearing in promotional campaigns.

– Sunil Gavaskar. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006: 18.

Former Indian captain and alltime cricket great Sunil Gavaskar will write for *The Tribune* during India's cricket tour of South Africa. His first article in the series will appear on Sunday, November 19.

– Safari. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 1.

Gavit, Manikrao

The CBI has registered a Preliminary Enquiry to ascertain the authencity of a TV news channel's report about a purported conversation between Union Minister Manikrao Gavit and a gangster in Uttar Pradesh.

– CBI to investigate Gavit's links with mafia. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 1.

Gawande, Atul

Forty-year-old Atul Gawande, Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, will receive US$ 500,000 in a "no strings attached" support over the next five years from Chicago-based John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation.

– MacArthur fellowship for Indian-origin surgeon. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 13.

Gawli, Arun

The Mumbai Crime Branch on April 15 booked gangster-turned-politician Arun Gawli under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Prevention Act (MCOCA).

– Arun Gawli booked. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 8.

Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed)

The separatist leader, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, was on June 2 detained by the police while he was on his way to the border town of Rajouri to address a Friday congregation in a mosque.

– Geelani detained. *Tribune.* June 03, 2006: 6.

Pro-Pakistan separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani on June 26 attacked Islamabad for its dialogue policy with India, saying continuation of such a process was tantamount to "applying salt on the wounds of innocent Kashmiris".

– Geelani flays Pakistan over dialogue with India. *Tribune.* June 27, 2006:6.

The rift between the hardliners and the moderates in the Jamait-e-Islami

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has widened with Syed Ali Shah Geelani directing his supporters in the Jamait and Tehrik Hurriyat Conference to boycott the election at the district level being held by the Jamaat.

– Geelani to boycott Jamait poll. *Tribune.* July 04, 2006: 6.

Syed Ali Shah Geelani was re-elected as the chairman of the separatist All-Party Hurriyat Conference for a term of three years in Srinagar on September 13.

– Geelani re-elected Hurriyat chief, talks tough. *Tribune.* Sept. 14, 2006: 6.

Firebrand separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani on October 19 led a peaceful protest march in Srinagar, demanding release of Mohammad Afzal Guru who has been convicted in the December 13, 2001 attack case and awarded the death penalty.

– Geelani leads march for Afzal's release. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 6.

The Chief of Tehrik Hurriyat Conference, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, seems to have exhausted his energy on fulfilling his dream of incorporating Kashmir with Pakistan when he began hitting at the Government for what he has called "corporate occupation of Kashmir." He also accused Mufti Mohd. Sayeed of selling the idea of self-rule and termed him as an "Indian agent.".

– Geelani against 'corporates occupying Kashmir'. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006: 6.

Activists of the Shiv Sena and the Janata Party gate-crashed at the venue of the press conference of separatist leader Syeed Ali Shah Geelani, in Jammu on November 23 and raised slogans against him.

– Sainiks barge into Geelani's conference. *Tribune.* November 24, 2006:6.

Geeta Rani

Sangrur-born Geeta Rani (25) on March 22 not only won laurels for the country but has also done this town proud by winning a gold medal in the 75 kg plus category in weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

– Geeta's family ecstatic. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 18.

Geeta Rani, gold medal winner in the plus-75 kg weightlifting category at the Commonwealth Games, was accorded a rousing reception at the War Heroes Stadium in Sangrur on April 13. She was honoured by S.R. Ladhar, Deputy Commissioner and president of the District Olympic Association. He announced a cash reward of Rs 51,000 on behalf of the DOA. Being the senior vice-president of the Punjab Weightlifting Association, he announced a cash reward of Rs. one lakh to Geeta.

– Geeta Rani honoured. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 22.

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Geetanjali Gayatri

Senior Staff Correspondent of *the Tribune*, Ms Geetanjali Gayatri, has won the 'Shri Rajindra Hooda Samriti Navodit Shrestha Patarkarita Puraskar' instituted by the Haryana Government for the first time, for the year 2005-06. The award carries a cash prize of Rs one lakh, a commendation certificate and a shawl each.

– Award for *Tribune* reporter. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 3.

Gehlot, Ashok

Out of the total duration of 55 days of the four sessions, Mr Ashok Gehlot is reported to have attended the House only for six days, whereas the Chief Minister, Ms Vasundhara Raje, attended as many as 40 meetings despite her busy schedule.

– Gehlot attended House for 6 days in 2 years. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006:16.

George, Anju Bobby

Anju Bobby George was the cynosure of all eyes as she made her way into the long jump. But it was quite a battle for her with her own self before she got that "perfect rhythm" to come up with a jump of 6.47 m in her last attempt which was good enough to fetch her the gold in the 12th Federation Cup Athletics Championship at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on March 3.

– Anju George leaps to gold medal. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 23.

India's ace long jumper Anju Bobby George failed to qualify for the finals after leaping far below the benchmark in the women's event at the 11th Asian World Indoor Championships at Moscow on March 11. Anju's best jump was 6.34 metres while the qualifying mark was 6.55 or the best eight from the Group A and B.

– Anju fails to qualify. *Sunday Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 22.

Anju Bobby George's recent lacklustre performances have resulted in her dropping two spots to number six in the latest IAAF women's long jump rankings.

– Anju slips. *Tribune.* May 25, 2006: 20.

A long lay-off from the international circuit has resulted in Anju Bobby George slipping one spot to joint eighth in the latest IAAF women's long jump rankings.

– Anju slips. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006: 20.

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India's seasoned long jumper Anju Bobby George came out of a lean phase to clinch a silver medal while Manjeet Kaur had her moment of glory with a silver-winning display in the showpiece athletics event of the Asian Games in Doha on December 10.

– Anju, Manjeet bring glory for India. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 18.

George, Paul

An Indian carpenter, who has spent 21 years in jail on the charge of burning nine Pakistanis to death, is the longest serving prisoner in Dubai Central Jail in Dubai. Paul George has been put on the death row, a media report said. About 21 years ago, a drunken George set afire shanty houses in Fareej Al Marar in Dubai in which nine Pakistanis -- two mothers and their seven children aged between two and 14 were killed.

– Indian longest serving prisoner. *Tribune.* November 23, 2006: 13.

Ghamanda Ram

Ghamanda Ram of Indian Army, running with long, smooth strides proved to be too good for the rest of the field as he powered to a new meet record while clinching the 800m men's gold in the 12th Federation Cup Athletics Championship at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on March 1 evening.

– Ghamanda Ram strides to a new record. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 20.

Ghansar, Mohammad Shoaib

The special TADA court hearing the 1993 Mumbai blasts case has found accused Mohammad Shoaib Kasam Ghansar guilty of carrying out one of the bomb blast in Mumbai on March 12, 1993. Ghansar was found guilty of parking a two-wheeler fitted with explosives at Mumbai's Zaveri Bazar which exploded killing 17 persons.

– Tiger hit man Ghansar held guilty. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 1.

Ghate, Swati

Woman Grandmaster Swati Ghate of the Life Insurance Corporation won the women's section with ease after drawing her 19th and final round game with second finisher Women International Master Mary Ann Gomes.

– Ganguly, Ghate are national champions. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 19.

Ghosal, Saurav

Saurav Ghosal who won India first-ever bronze medal in squash at the Doha Asian Games, was felicitated by the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) in Chennai on December 22.

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– Ghosal honoured. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 22 .

Ghoshroy, Subrata

Subrata Ghoshroy, 56, charged the 85-year-old Government Accountability Office (GAO) of ignoring evidence that the two main contractors had doctored data, skewed test results and made false statements in a report four years ago. He headed technical analyses of a prototype warhead for an anti-missile weapon in an 18-month study.

– NRI accuses US Congress body of concealing fraud. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 9.

Giani, Harpreet (Barrister)

Barrister Harpreet Giani has just returned from London with as many as three feathers in his cap. He has been awarded a Master of Laws degree by LSE, been called to the Bar of England and Wales and been invited to Mensa.

– Chandigarh lawyer brings laurels from London. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 3.

Gill, B.S.

In what could be a breakthrough in the sale of tickets on the black market for the semifinal encounter between Australia and new Zealand, the SAS Nagar police on November 1 arrested a member of the Punjab Cricket Club (PCC) while selling tickets. B.S. Gill, a member of the PCC, the in-house club of the PCA, was arrested from the Phase IX market while he was trying to sell five tickets in his possession at higher rates.

– Not cricket, PCC member helps himself. *Tribune.* November 02, 2006:1.

Gill, Charanjit Singh

Mr Charanjit Singh Gill, a young progressive farmer of Sudhar village and founder-member of the Malwa Vigyanik Kisan Club, was felicitated by the Punjab Government at the state-level function in Ludhiana on Republic Day.

– Young farmer honoured for diversification. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006:3.

Gill, G.S.

The ADGP, Enforcement, Mr G.S. Gill will take over as ADG, BSF as his services have been placed at the disposal of the Central Government.

– Gill becomes ADG, BSF. *Tribune.* October 06,2006: 18.

Gill, Gaurav

Chandigarh's Gaurav Gill, Pune's Raymond Banajee and city schoolboy Saran Vikram emerged champions in three different categories at the end

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of the fifth leg of the JK Tyre National Championship in Chennai on December 17.

– Gaurav Gill wins. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 18.

Gill, Harminder Singh

The Punjab Government on April 6 appointed Mr Harminder Singh Gill, general secretary, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC), Col Zorawar Singh and Mr Sarbjit Singh Sandhu as members of the Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board (PSSSB).

– H.S. Gill on selection board. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 5.

Gill, Jai Singh

The recently retired Punjab Chief Secretary, Mr Jai Singh Gill, is all set to be the new Chairman of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC).

– Jai Singh Gill to head power regulatory panel. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006: 6.

The Punjab Power and Irrigation Minister, Mr Lal Singh, on February 10 administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr Jai Singh Gill as Chairman and to Mr S.S. Paul as member of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission in Chandigarh.

– J.S. Gill sworn in. *Tribune.* February 11, 2006: 4.

Gill, Jaswinder

Jaswinder Gill (43) and her husband Darshan (42) arranged scores of bogus weddings for 10,000 pound a time, Isleworth Crown Court ordered the confiscation of 849,300 pound from Jaswinder and 130,000 pound from her husband. In 2005, Mrs Gill was imprisoned for 10 years by the same court for aiding illegal entry to the UK and perverting the course of justice.

– Indian couple divested of assets for fake marriages. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 11.

Gill, K.P.S

K.P.S. Gill, whose reputation for putting down the separatist militancy in Punjab in the 1990s earned him the sobriquet of a "supercop", will now help the Chhattisgarh Government tackle the Maoist insurgency.

– 'Supercop' Gill to take on Chhattisgarh Maoists. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006:20.

Former Director-General of Punjab Police K.P.S. Gill, who took over as the Security Adviser to the Chhattisgarh Government on April 18, was immediately confronted with a challenge as armed Naxalites besieged Usur

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village in Dantewara district in tribal Bastar region. Mr Gill, who arrived in Raipur on April 18 morning to take up new assingment, went into an emergency meeting with Chief Minister, Dr Raman Singh and senior officials in the light of the Masoist action in Usur village, located close to Andhra Pradesh border.

- Naxalites beseige village as KPS Gill takes charge. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 2.

Mrs Paramjit Kaur Khalra, widow of human rights activist, Jaswant Singh Khalra, who was allegedly kidnapped and later liquidated by Punjab Police personnel in 1995, is filing a petition in the Punjab and Haryana HC seeking completion of the CBI investigation into the case vis-a-vis the then DGP, Punjab, Mr K.P.S. Gill.

- Khalra's widow moves HC over ex-DGP Gill. *Tribune.* September 09, 2006: 5.

India's failure to finish among the medal bracket in the 15th Asian Games at Doha had its echoes on the streets of Delhi when former internationals and "hockey lovers" joined in a show of strength to seek the ouster of Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) president, K.P.S. Gill and secretary K. Jyothikumaran in New Delhi on December 20.

- Overhaul IHF, save hockey. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 1.

Bureaucrats like Mr K.P.S. Gill come to the helm of sports federations not for the love of the game but because of the influence and power that come with it. He has led the IHF ingloriously for far too long. Now is the time to hand over the baton to someone professional who can ensure a turnaround.

- Olympian lament. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 10.

Gill, Manohar Singh

Former Chief Election Commissioner and Rajya Sabha Member, Manohar Singh Gill on October 5 clarified that he had never used harsh words against Prime Minister Manmohan Singh while demanding Rs 1,000 crore for expansion of Rajasansi International Airport.

- I've never used harsh words against PM: Gill. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 5.

Gill, Rajinder Jeet Hans (Prof)

Prof Rajinder Jeet Hans-Gill of Panjab University, a lady of many letters and numbers, was honoured with her appointment as Fellow the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), formerly known as the Third World Academy of Sciences.

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– Ex-PU Prof appointed Fellow in Academy of Sciences. *Tribune.* September 13, 2006: 3.

Gill, Raminder Singh

Raminder Singh Gill, a politician and former member of Ontario's Provincial Parliament, is among the four Citizenship Judges appointed by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Monte Solberg, according to a press release.

– Indo-Canadian appointed Citizenship Judge. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006: 11.

Gill, Surjit

Surjit Gill one of the most sought after directors for Punjabi folk dances — Bhangra, Gidha, Summi and Jhumar is himself a versatile artiste. For 15 years, he represented Punjab either as a folk dancer, a choreographer or as in charge of Punjabi culture troupes at Republic Day functions in Delhi.

– A name in Punjabi folk dances. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 3.

Gill, Vikas

Expressing concern over the failure of the Delhi Police to produce one of the accused in the Jessica Lall murder case after the admission of its appeal, the Delhi HC on May 15 asked the prosecution to initiate proceedings for declaring Vikas Gill a proclaimed offender (PO).

– HC for declaring Vikas Gill PO. *Tribune.* May 16, 2006: 2.

Giri, Deependra

Mahant Deependra Giri, custodian of Chhari Mubarak or the holy mace of Lord Shiva, in Srinagar on September 15 announced his decision to disassociate himself from the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) over this year's controversy on artificial Shivalingam. He had been associated with the board, headed by the State's Governor, as one of its members since it had been constituted in 2001.

– Mahant quits as member of Amarnath Shrine Board. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006: 1.

Mahant Deependra Giri, custodian of Chhari Mubarak of Lord Shiva, has cited "the raising of artificial Shivalingam having hurt the sentiments of pilgrims and the decisions to preserve the holy Lingam through artificial means" as reasons, among others, for dissociating himself from Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB).

– Mahant's resignation face-saving exercise, says Board CEO. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 10.

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Girija Devi

Sudha Varghese is on cloud nine. For her efforts have borne fruits as Girija Devi, a Musahhar woman from Motihari, has been invited to address the 15th session of the United Nations on the "Commission on the status of woman" in the US.

– Musahhar woman to address UN session. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 2.

Gita Singh

Uttar Pradesh DGP Yashpal Singh's wife and Samajwadi sitting MLA Gita Singh's unsuccessful attempt to grab the PAC official residence in Gonda district may cost her husband his job.

– Bungalow: wife's action may cost DGP his job. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006: 2.

Godara, Garima

Garima Godara is the daughter of a lowly police constable. She did not enjoy many of the comforts that students belonging to upper classes take for granted. Her parents valued the importance of education and did everything possible to help Garima achieve her full potential. She did not let them down. She scored 97.6 per cent marks, a record in Delhi, in the CBSE Class X examination.

– Salute to Garima. *Tribune.* June 26, 2006: 10.

Goel, Puneet

In an important development in the peacock hunting case against former Pathankot SDM, Puneet Goel, the Department of Wildlife has filed a challen in a court against him.

– Challan filed against SDM in poaching case. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006:5.

Gogoi, Tarun

Assam on May 14 made the transition from single-party government to coalition rule with incumbent CM Tarun Gogoi being worn in for his second consecutive term.

– Tarun Gogoi sworn in Assam Chief Minister. *Tribune.* May 15, 2006: 1.

Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi was admitted to AIIMS for the second time in three days after he complained of uneasiness this afternoon.

– Gogoi admitted to AIIMS. *Tribune.* June 15, 2006: 11.

Gokhale, Rajesh Sudhir

Rajesh Sudhir Gokhale receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

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– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Goni, Aslam

In a bid to create scare among the electorate, terrorists burst a grenade in the house of Mr Aslam Goni, a former Advocate-General of the J&K State, at Bhaderwah on April 23 evening. No one was injured in the attack, the police said.

– Grenade attack on former Advocate-Gen's house. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 14.

Gopalaswami, N.

Although N. Gopalaswami is expected to be taking over as the next Chief Election Commissioner, succeeding Mr B.B. Tandon who is retiring on June 29, well-placed sources informed that the government was contemplating to expand the three-member poll panel to make it a five-member body.

– Gopalaswami to be next CEC, govt mulls panel's expansion. *Tribune.* June 06, 2006: 1.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami will take over as the Chief Election Commissioner on June 30 even as the Youth Affairs and Sports Secretary, S.Y. Quraishi is the new Election Commissioner in the three-member constitutional body. The other Election Commissioner is Mr Naveen Chawla. President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam made the appointments of the CEC and of the EC on the recommendations of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), official sources said. The appointments follow the retirement of CEC B.B. Tandon on June 30.

– Gopalaswami to take over as CEC today. *Tribune.* June 30, 2006: 24.

The new Chief Election Commissioner, N. Gopalaswami, on June 30 began his innings at the top of the constitutional post on a controversial note, by stating that the credibility of individuals does affect the poll panel.

– Individuals' credibility affects EC's working: Gopalaswami. *Tribune.* July 01, 2006: 2.

Gopichand, Pullela

Indian badminton is all set to get a grand makeover with the Badminton Association of India (BAI) appointing former All-England champion Pullela Gopichand as the new national coach in place of Vimal Kumar.

– Gopinchand replaces Vimal as national coach. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006:19.

Goswami, Gautam

The Patna High Court on November 10 granted bail to the former Patna

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DM, Gautam Goswami in the multi-crore flood relief scam case.

– Patna ex-DM gets bail. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 2.

Goswami, Indira

Indira Goswami, the Sahitya Akademi award-winning writer, who changed over to the world of verse with a just released collection, insists she is "not a poet".

– Indira Goswami pens poems. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 2.

Goswami, Jhulan

The star performer for India was seamer Jhulan Goswami who picked five wickets, a repeat her first innings performance, to bowl England out for 305 in their second innings.

– Goswami bowls eves to historic victory. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 22.

Goswami, R. (Maj-Gen)

Sources said the officer, Maj Gen R. Goswami, currently posted with the Central Command, Lucknow, has been taken to task for his alleged acts of omission and commission while he was serving as the Sub Area Commander in Meerut earlier.

– Maj-General in dock on graft charges. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 1.

Gowd, Vicharapu Ramakrishna

A man from Chennai on November 10 approached the Supreme Court claiming himself to be the husband of noted Bollywood actress Sridevi and sought a direction for the restoration of his conjugal rights. But a Bench of Mr Justice B.N. Agrawal and Mr Justice P.P. Naolekar threw away a special leave petition (SLP) of Vicharapu Ramakrishna Gowd and upheld the Madras High Court order imposing a fine of Rs 1 lakh on him for filing such a frivolous suit.

– Claim on Sridevi costs man Rs 1 lakh. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006:2.

Gowda, Vikas

India's Vikas Gowda has won the gold medal in discus throw in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) meet in Sacramento, California, in the US. The Karnataka athlete, a Frederick High School graduate and University of North Carolina senior, became the second Indian to win the prestigious American Intervarsity title after triple jumper Mohinder Singh Gill won two back-to-back titles in 1970 and '71.

– Gowda wins discus gold. *Tribune.* June 12, 2006: 19.

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Goyal, Kritika

Nineteen-year-old Kritika Goyal from Chandigarh is suddenly at the heart of a major medical investigation. Detected with a supernumerary kidney—an exceedingly rare anomaly of the urinary tract, she has three kidneys instead of two.

– Heard this? Chandigarh girl has three kidneys. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 3.

Goyal, R.D.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mr Rajender Goyal, last evening sentenced the Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) vice-president, Mr R.D. Goyal, to one year in imprisonment and fined Rs 5,000. In addition, he ordered the accused to pay Rs 6 lakh to the complainant.

– Cong leader jailed for cheating. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 7.

Goyal, Raghubir

An Indian journalist, popular at the White House, edged out visiting Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper at a photo session with President George W. Bush on his July 6 birthday. As the premier stretched out his hand for the traditional handshake picture after a press conference on July 6, journalist Raghubir Goyal of *India Globe* newspaper piped in a cheery "Happy Birthday!" from the press corps. "We share the same date!" Goyal called out to Bush, who was celebrating his 60th. "Today's your birthday, too?" asked a delighted Bush, dropping Harper's hand. "Well, come on up-let's have a birthday picture. Come on, come on, come on. Come on, come on, get up here! Anybody else have their birthday today?" Within moments, USA Today's Richard Benedetto took the stage, too.

– Indian scribe celebrates birthday with Bush. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 11.

Goyal, Sulabh

The police on July 26 arrested a 19-year-old youth for sending a threatening e-mail to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. After interrogating more than 50 people, Sulabh Goyal, a resident of Ashoknagar district, was arrested on the basis of investigation aided by cyber crime experts.

– Youth held for threat mail to Kalam. *Tribune.* July 27, 2006: 20.

Grewal, G.S.

Mr G.S. Grewal took over as Managing Director, Markfed in Chandigarh on June 19. A Punjab cadre officer of the 1990 batch, Mr Grewal has held several key positions in the state.

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– Markefed gets new MD. *Tribune.* June 20, 2006: 3.

Grewal, Gurdip Singh (Brig)

Brig Gurdip Singh Grewal, who passed away last week, was a Sikh scholar with a gentle approach towards complex issues related to the Panth. He used to discuss the Sikh issues intensely, but without raising his voice even once.

– A gentle scholar. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 3.

Grewal, Harjit Singh

The BJP high command has tried to send a strong political message among farmers by appointing Mr Harjit Singh Grewal, a farmers' leader, as a national secretary of the Party. Mr Grewal, who has been active on the farmers' front for a long time, was on January 25 appointed Secretary by the party President, Mr Rajnath Singh.

– Farmers' leader made national secy of BJP. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 13.

The nomination of senior BJP leader Harjit Singh Grewal as the national secretary by new party president Rajnath Singh has been hailed in the Party circles in Ludhiana.

– Grewal's elevation as BJP national secretary hailed. *Ludhiana Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 2.

Grewal, J.S.

Eminent educationist, historian and former Vice-Chancellor of GND University, J.S. Grewal will be the Chairman of the Punjab Education Commisison. The Commission has been set up to revamp the school and higher education that are in a shambles in the Punjab State.

– Grewal to head Punjab education panel. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006:1.

Grewal, Mahesh Inder Singh

Former Health Minister and senior Akali Dal leader, Mahesh Inder Singh Grewal, has been booked under various Sections of the SC-ST Act, alongwith a woman principal of the Nanakana Sahib School Trust for allegedly calling a school employee with a name banned under the act.

– Ex-minister booked. *Tribune.* September 09, 2006: 6.

Grewal, O.P. (Dr)

A scholar of English literature and former Dean of Academic Affairs, Kurukshetra University, Dr O.P. Grewal died on January 24. His body was cremated in Kurukshetra on January 25.

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– English literature scholar dead. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 7.

Grover, Indu (Prof)

Prof Indu Grover of the College of Home Science, Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, has bagged two prestigious assignments, one from the World Bank and the other under the 11th Five Year Plan. Dr Grover has been selected as a Review Editor for a global report of the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) under a World Bank project.

– Hisar prof gets World Bank project. *Tribune.* July 31, 2006: 13.

Gudiya

Twenty two-year-old Gudiya died at the Military Hospital in Delhi on January 2. She had remained in the media's eye for weeks in 2004 after her first husband, war hero Arif, returned from a Pakistani prison to reclaim her from her second husband Taufeeq, whose child she was then expecting. After the first husband disappeared during the Kargil war, she under pressure from her family remarried a distant relative Taufeeq after the mandatory four-year wait. They were happily married and expecting their first child when the first husband returned, starting a media controversy over the status of her second marriage. After weeks of a national debate, a popular electronic channel intervened and organised a reality show, inviting all parties as well as Islami scholars. it was after this show that she was handed over to her first husband.

– Gudiya dead. *Tribune.* January 3, 2006: 1.

Guha, Subhra

Subhra Guha may be the nightingale of Bengal, but the epithet doesn't quite impress her. In true tradition of a classical vocalist, she lies low, deflecting all talk that carries the undertones of eulogy.

– Reflecting nuances of Agra tradition. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 3.

Gujjar, Rohtash

Rohtash Gujjar, a labourer of the local Kath Mandi, returned a suitacase containing "stolen" jewellery worth Rs 2 lakh to the city police in Rewari on November 10. The jewellery belonged to Mr Ram Chander Soni, a resident of Narnaul.

– Honest labourer returns Rs 2 lakh jewellery. *Tribune.* Nov. 17, 2006: 7.

Gujjar, Salim

Dreaded dacoit Salim Gujjar, carrying an award of Rs 1.5 lakh on his head for over 100 murders, and his lover, Geeta Jatav were on August 9 gunned

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down by the police in an encounter.

– Dacoit Gujjar, lover shot. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 1.

Gulati, Anupam

Veteran hockey commentator Anupam Ghulati will lend his voice for the world-wide feed of host broadcasters DAGBS during the Doha Asian Games. Gulati was also part of the FIH TV commentary team at the men's World Cup Hockey at Monchengladbach, Germany.

– Anupam Ghulati. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 18.

Gulati, Saurabh

Saurabh Gulati has been selected for the under-16 schoolboys national cricket team, which will play matches against the Australian schoolboys cricket team in Australia in June this year. Saurabh along with 29 other probables is attending a 10-day coaching camp, which began at Agra on April 27.

– Selected. *Tribune.* April 28, 2006: 22.

Gulati, Sunil

Sunil Gulati, a native of India who teaches Economics at Columbia University and long-time US Soccer executive, was elected president of the US Soccer Federation in Las Vegas. Gulati, a US Soccer vice-president who ran unopposed, on March 11 replaced Robert Coniguglia, who served eight years in the post. Gulati already serves on several committees for world football governing body FIFA.

– US soccer chief. *Tribune.* March 14, 2006: 18.

Gulia, Navin

After having been awarded stipend which was due to him for his stay in the Indian Military Academy, Cadet Navin Gulia, who suffered paralysis during training, has now been granted compensation after years of harassment he suffered to get his dues.

– Former IMA cadet gets compensation. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 3.

Gupta, Abhijeet

International Master Abhijeet Gupta scored a thumping victory over Woman Grandmaster Aarthie Ramaswamy and moved to 2.5 points after the conclusion of the third round of 8th Dubai International Open Chess championship now underway in Dubai at Dubai Chess and Cultural Club.

– Thumping win for Abhijeet. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006: 18.

Teenager Abhijeet Gupta has bagged his maiden Grand-master norm after a sparkling performance in the 24th Andorra International Open Chess

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tournament in Andorra La Vella last week. Gupta scored an impressive victory over Sasha Kaplan of Israel in the ninth and final round to tally 6.5 points which was enough for his first GM norm.

– Abhijeet bags maiden GM norms. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 19.

Gupta, Anara

A letter seeking reopening of the infamous Anara Gupta "porno CD" case and clubbing it with the Srinagar sex racket for investigation by the CBI was on July 3 sent to the Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Mr Justice Bashir Ahmad Khan, by social activist Amit Chouhan.

– Reopen Anara case, demands social activist. *Tribune.* July 04, 2006: 6.

A court in Jammu has issued notice to former Miss Jammu, Anara Gupta for her appearance in the Porno-CD case she was allegedly involved in.

– Court notice to Anara Gupta. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 6.

Gupta, Anjali

The National Commission for Women (NCW) plans to write to the Chief of Air Staff on a petition by the aggrieved Indian Air Force (IAF) Flying Officer Anjali Gupta.

– NCW to write to Air Chief on Anjali's petition. *Tribune.* January 17,2006: 14.

Flying Officer Anjali Gupta, who faced Court Martial proceedings for "indiscipline", was on February 3 dismissed from service. However, Chief of Air Staff S.P. Tyagi has reduced her punishment from "cashiering from service" to a simple dismissal.

– Anjali Gupta dismissed from service. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 2.

Gupta, Arun Kumar

The Haryana Government has placed the services of Mr Arun Kumar Gupta, IAS, with the Government of India for appointment as Senior Regional Manager, Food Corporation of India, Haryana region, Chandigarh.

– Gupta FCI Sr Manager. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 7.

Gupta, B.C. (Dr)

Dr B.C. Gupta, Principal Secretary, Home, Punjab, was unanimously elected president of the Chandigarh Rifle Shooting Association on August 27. The general house of the association also elected Mr Gurbir Singh Mangat as senior vice-president and Mr Vijay Pal Singh as the new general secretary.

– Gupta is shooting body chief. *Tribune.* August 28, 2006: 18.

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Gupta, Dinesh

Himachal's first postgraduate in Kathak dance from Mandi town, Dinesh Gupta, has become the first dancer in the State who will be giving his performance at the National Cultural Association in Mumbai on April 7.

– Mandi Kathak man to perform in Mumbai. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 13.

Gupta, Harsh

The H.P. State Government has charge-sheeted the former Chief Secretary, Harsh Gupta for making deviation in the set parameters and procedures for the evaluation of bids for nine hydroelectric projects at his own level in 2001.

– Ex-Chief Secretary chargesheeted. *Tribune.* January 05, 2006: 12.

In a press note issued in Shimla on January 5 the BJP leader Rajinder Rana said that the Government had tried to get back at him as the Harsh Gupta Committee had confirmed that almost 3,000 jobs were given on chits of political bosses during the previous Congress regime.

– Charge-sheet against Harsh Gupta biased: BJP. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 13.

Gupta, K.K.

Mr K.K. Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, has been appointed Secretary to the National Commission for Schedule Tribes. He will take up the new assignment next month.

– K.K. Gupta is ST panel secretary. *Tribune.* June 28, 2006: 10.

Gupta, Narayan alias Lakhan Bhaiya

Underworld don Chhota Rajan suffered a second blow in a fortnight when his close aide Narayan Gupta, alias Lakhan Bhiaya, was killed in an encounter with the police in North-West Mumbai on November 11 night. "The gang's sharpshooter (Gupta) was shot by a team of our officers at Nana-Nani Park in Versova at around 2015 hours.

– Chhota Rajan aide shot dead. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 1.

Gupta, P.C.

The Board of Directors (BOD) of the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) have thrown all norms to the winds by surreptitiously selecting a retired person for appointment as its Chief Engineer, without seeking the requisite permission from the Government or advertising the post. The name of Mr P.C. Gupta, a retired Chief Engineer from the PWD (B&R), Haryana, now awaits formal approval

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of the Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

– Appointment of Chief Engineer comes under scanner. *Tribune.* November 02, 2006: 8.

Gupta, Rabinder Nath

A local district court has ordered registration of an FIR against senior Punjab bureaucrat, Mr Rabinder Nath Gupta, for trespassing private property and criminal intimidation in a case filed by Mr Karam Chand. The Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mr A.D. Gaur, directed the police to register a case under Section 323, 427, 448, 452 and 506 of IPC following a criminal case filed by Mr Karam Chand who had alleged that Mr Gupta had threatened to grab his piece of land in Moginand village of Ramgarh, adjoining Mr Gupta's land. He stated that digging of the earth had commenced amidst deployment of the police.

– FIR ordered against Punjab IAS officer. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 3.

Gur Iqbal Singh (Maj-Gen)

Eight months after a Major-General was suspended for allegedly siphoning massive quantities of army canteen liquor and selling it in the open market, the Army has ordered that he be tried by a general court martial (GCM) for his acts of omissions and commissions. The accused, Maj-Gen Gur Iqbal Singh, was serving as the General Officer Commanding 6 Mountain Division in Bareilly at the time. The general's ADC, a captain, also faces a court martial. General Gur Iqbal, who earned the dobious sobriquet of "booze general", faces six charges under Section 52 of the Army Act for misappropriating government property and four charges under Section 63 for acts prejudicial to good order and military discipline. His ADC has been booked on five similar charges.

– Court martial ordered against Major-Gen, ADC. *Tribune.* July 17, 2006:1.

About a week after it commenced, a general court martial ordered by the Army against Major-Gen Gur Iqbal Singh for alleged siphoning off canteen liquor has held the officer guilty for his alleged crime. He has been cashiered from service and has been awarded three years' rigorous imprisonment.

– Major-Gen gets 3 yrs in liquor scam. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 1.

Gurbachan Jagat

Mr Gurbachan Jagat will be the next Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). He will take over on April 1. A post graduate in English literature, Mr Jagat joined Indian Police Service in 1966. He served as district police chief (from 1978 to 1981) of Amritsar when Punjab was on the boil

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and played a significant role to tackle some of the most complicated situations which occurred during that period. He held the post of DIG (Intelligence) in Punjab from 1982-1990. Besides the Indian Police Medal, he was honoured with Padam Shri in 1987 for his distinguished service. Mr Jagat was selected for the most difficult assignment of Director-General of Police (DGP) of the trouble torn state Jammu and Kashmir in February 1997. He stayed there in a thick of battle against militancy till December 2000. He played an important role in motivating the police force in the fight against militancy. Later, in December 2000, he was posted as Director-General of Border Security Force and served in that capacity till June 2002. Apart from other honours, he is recipient of several other medals: Paschimi Star, Sangram Medal, Special Duty Medal, Aantrik Seva Suraksha Medal.

- Gurbachan Jagat to be new Chairman of UPSC. *Tribune.* March 01, 2006: 24.

Gurbachan Singh (Dr)

For his outstanding research in natural resource management, Dr Gurbachan Singh, Director, Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, has been selected for the prestigious Recognition Award of the National Academy of Agricultural Science for 2005-06.

- Farm research award for CSSRI expert. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006:3.

Gurbaj Singh

Midfielder Gurbaj Singh has been included at the last minute in place of Viren Rasquinha in the 16-member Indian Hockey team for the forthcoming Doha Asian Games.

- Gurbaj replaces Rasquinha. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006:22.

Gurbax, Malhi

Mr Gurbax Malhi, who was a Parliamentary Secretary in the previous two Liberal Governments, has also set a record of sorts with his fifth consecutive election to the Canadian Parliament. This time he polled 56.68 per cent votes in what otherwise was described as a major dent by the Conservatives in the Liberal stronghold.

- Eight of Indian origin elected to Canadian House of Commons. *Tribune.* January 25, 2006: 9.

Gurcharan Singh

Gurcharan Singh, who was deported from Canada and spent 13 days in police custody, was on July 13 remanded to judicial custody.

- Judicial remained for Gurcharan Singh. *Tribune.* July 14, 2006: 4.

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Gurdev Singh

Former Congress MLA Gurdev Singh Bakshiwala died in Chandigarh on September 10 evening. He was elected MLA in 1968 and 1972. During the Darbara Singh Government, he remained chairman of the Punjab Khadi and Village Industry Board.

– Former Cong MLA Gurdev Singh dead. *Tribune.* September 11, 2006:5.

Gurdit Singh, Giani

The writer to receive invitation was Giani Gurdit Singh. And the book was "Mera Pind", a recognised classic work in Punjabi literature. Published in 1961, it is now in its seventh edition. Even international bodies like Unesco recognised the worth of the book and awarded the author in 1967.

– Awarded by Unesco, ignored by Punjab Government. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 3.

The Advisory Board of the Punjab Languages Department, which held its meeting in Chandigarh on October 19, announced the Punjabi Sahit Shiromani Puraskar for the eminent writer, Giani Gurdit Singh.

– Punjabi Sahit Shiromani Puraskar for Giani Gurdit Singh. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 17.

Gurjar, Om Prakash

Fourteen-year-old Om Prakash Gurjar, who hails from Dwarapur village of this district, has been awarded the international Children's Peace Prize for leading a campaign against child labour and slavery. The peace prize, into its second year, is being given by Netherlands-based group Kids Rights. Om was awarded the prize by former South African President, F.W. de Klerk in the Hague on November 19 evening.

– Boy gets kids peace prize. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 2.

Gurjeet Singh (Dr)

Dr Gurjeet Singh (46), Professor, Department of Law, GND University, was appointed as first Vice-Chancellor of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, on September 14. He has been appointed to the post for five years. He is the first Professor who possesses two Ph.D. degrees in law, one each from GND University and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London respectively.

– Dr Gurjeet Singh VC of law university. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006:7.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, Baba

The Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) on August 1 informed the Punjab

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and Haryana High Court that it would arrest Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, chief of the Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda if he failed to turn up at CBI headquarters to join the probe into the murder of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati and other cases.

- CBI assures HC that it will arrest Sacha Sauda chief. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 7.

Gurmeet Singh alias Pinki

The District and Sessions Judge in Jagadhri has held Punjab Police Inspector Gurmeet Singh Pinky guilty of killing a Ludhiana resident Avtar Singh Gola. Five other accused in the case have been acquitted. The case, which had started in Ludhiana, was shifted to Chandigarh and from there it went to Kurukshetra and finally the judgment was announced at the Jagadhri court on September 30 after five years and seven months of the incident.

- Punjab cop Pinky convicted of murder. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006: 5.

The District and Sessions Judge on October 9 ordered the Superintendent of Police to constitute a special team to arrest Punjab Police Inspector Gurmeet Singh Pinki, held guilty of murder of Ludhiana resident Avtar Singh Gola.

- Team to nab Pinki set up. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 8.

Setting aside speculations about his whereabouts, controversial cat-turned-encounter specialist Gurmeet Singh, alias Pinky, currently Inspector with the Fatehgarh Sahib police, surrendered in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate in Fatehgarh on October 16 morning. He, accompanied by his lawyer A.S. Dharni and a handful of supporters, appeared in the court of CJM D.S. Johal around 11 am.

- Cop Pinky surrenders. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 1.

The District and Sessions Judge in Jagadhri on October 17 sentenced Punjab Police inspector Gurmeet Singh alias Pinki to life and fined him Rs one lakh under Section 302 of the IPC for killing Ludhiana resident Avatar Singh Gola. Five other accused in the case have been acquitted.

- Life term for cop Pinki. *Tribune.* October 18, 2006: 1.

Gurnam Singh (Dr)

The Dean, Academic Affairs, Guru Nanak Dev University, Dr Gurnam Singh, was seriously injured in an attack by about a dozen unidentified youths, armed with hockey sticks and sharp-edged weapons in front of the University gate when he was walking through the busy market to attend office at 9 am

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in Amritsar on April 26. Policemen who were standing nearby remained mute spectators.

– Varsity Dean attacked, injured. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006: 1.

Gursharan Singh

Gursharan Singh personifies simplicity. Venerated as the king of Punjabi theatre, he has been selected for Sangeet Natak Akademi Rattan award. An institution in himself, he won the Sangeet Natak Award in 1993 and the prestigious national Kalidas Samman in 2003. An author of 13 books, 132 short and six-full-length plays with over 8,500 stage performances to his credit, this chemical engineer stood tall in the toughest of times as a messiah of the under privileged.

– Befitting honour for Gursharan Singh. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 3.

Guru, Mohammad Afzal

A city court on September 26 fixed October 20 for hanging Parliament attack case convict Mohammad Afzal, a Pakistan trained terrorist, after the SC had upheld his death sentence in a final judgement in August last year.

– Oct 20 fixed for execution of Afzal. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 1.

The Police fired tear gas shells and used canes to disperse demonstrators in Srinagar on September 27 protesting against the Delhi Court order on hanging Mohammad Afzal Guru on October 20, convicted in the Parliament attack case.

– Protest against death sentence to Afzal. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006:6.

Family member of Mohammad Afzal Guru, who is to be hanged on October 20, on October 3 filed a mercy petition before President. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam even as a campaign got under way in the Capital to save him from the gallows.

– Afzal's wife files mercy petition. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006: 1.

Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) president, Shamsher Singh Dullo on October 6 warned against granting clemency to Afzal Guru, convict in the Parliament attack case. He said, this would convey a wrong signal to enemies of the country threatening its sovereignty and integrity.

– Dullo warns against clemency to Afzal. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006: 5.

Mr Surinder Kumar Billa, president of the All-India Hindu Shiv Sena (AIHSS) in a letter to the President, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, on October 8 pleaded that Mohammad Afzal Guru should not be shown any mercy as he had attacked the Indian Parliament.

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– Shiv Sena against mercy to Afzal. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 5.

Facing the gallows for his role in the 2001 Parliament terror attack, Mohammad Afzal Guru has petitioned President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for mercy, saying he did not get "fair trial" in courts.

– Mohd Afzal files for clemency. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 1.

Families of security personnel, who died in the 2001 terrorist attack on Parliament, on November 24 said they would return bravery medals to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam if the Government did not reject clemency pleas for death-row convict Mohammad Afzal by December 13.

– Hang Afzal or take back medals, say victims' families. *Tribune.* November 25, 2006: 24.

Serving an ultimatum on the Central Government, family members of those security personnel, who sacrificed their lives in defending Parliament during the December 13, 2001 attack, on November 30 threatened to return the bravery medals to the President if the death sentence to Afzal Guru was not finalised by December 13.

– Martyrs' families threaten to return medals. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006:3.

The Union Home Minister, Shivraj Patil, on December 12 stated in the Lok Sabha that an early decision on the mercy plea of Mohammad Afzal, sentenced to death for the 2001 Parliament attack, was unlikely, resulting in the Opposition staging a noisy walkout.

– Early decision on Afzal unlikely: Patil. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006: 2.

Sentenced to death in the 2001 Parliament attack case, Mohammad Afzal has moved the Supreme Court seeking review of the judgement on the plea that he did not receive a fair trial.

– Afzal moves SC, says he did not get fair trial. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 2.

Gurvinder Kaur

Puneet Rana of Ropar and Gurvinder Kaur of Hoshiarpur on September 2 dominated the Punjab State Swimming Championship on the second day at Nehru Stadium swimming pool in Ropar. Puneet Rana won five gold medals in individual events, breaststroke (200m, 50m), medlay, butterfly, and freestyle, while Gurvinder Kaur won four gold —backstroke (200m), freestyle (200m and 50m) and backstroke (50m).

– Puneet, Gurvinder rule the pool. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 22.

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Gyani, Mohini

Mrs Mohini Gyani, widow of Lieut-Gen P.S. Gyani, former Chairman of the Tribune Trust, died at Fortis Hospital, Mohali, on October 25 evening. She was 85.

– Mrs Mohini Gyani dead. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 8.

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Habibur Rahman Khairabadi

Maulana Margub-ur-rahman, the rector of Darul-Uloom, a noted Islamic educational institution, on September 17 suspended senior mufti Maulana Habibur Rahman Khairabadi who was shown by a private news channel taking money for issuing a fatwa (edict).

- Mufti suspended for issuing fatwa for money. *Sunday Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 1.

Haider Raza, Syed

Paintings by two renowned Indian artists, Syed Haider Raza and Tyeb Mehta, have fetched a whopping sum of over a million dollar each at an auction in New York. At Sotehby's sale on March 29, the top lot was Raza's painting 'Tapovan' (1972), which sold to an anonymous bidder for $1.47 million while his compatriot Mehta's 'Falling Figure with Birds' (1988) fetched a close to $1.24 million.

- Indian's paintings fetch $ 1m each. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 11.

Halder, Biswanath

A jury deliberating over two days on whether to recommend the death penalty for Biswanath Halder, convicted in the internationally publicised case that took place on the Case Western University campus, asked that he be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

- Life term for Indian American in shooting case. *Tribune.* January 25, 2006: 9.

Handa, J.K. (Prof)

A distinguished educationist and social worker, Prof J.K. Handa, died in Solan on October 22 after a brief illness. He was 80. Prof Handa had dedicated his life to helping the needy and bright students. Having served at Chamba, Mandi, Solan, Prof Handa settled at Solan after retirement from the Himachal Pradesh Education Department and continued to be actively involved in social service. He is survived by his wife, Neelima, also an educationist, and his son, Col Atul Handa.

- Educationist Handa is dead. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 9.

Hans, Udai Bhanu

The Haryana Sahitya Akademi has honoured Haryana resident Udai Bhanu

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Hans with this year's Sur Puraskar. The 80-year-old writer is the first poet laureate of the state. Born in 1926 at Dera Deenpanah, near Muzaffargarh, his writings span over six decades and his work, including 2 books, is published in four volumes.

– First poet laureate of state. *Tribune.* January 18, 2006: 7.

Hansda, Jhanu

The Indian dominance in the championship continued on November 11 with ace archer Jhanu Hansda and South Asian Games gold medallist Dola Banerjee clinching gold. Medallist Dola Banerjee clinching gold in the individual women compound and recurve division.

– Archers hit bullseye. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 22.

Hanumant Singh

A prolific run-getter in domestic circuit, Hanumant Singh scored a century in his Test debut against England at Delhi in February, 1964. India were 116 for three when he walked in. He straightway settled down and scored a resplendent 105. His knock helped India draw the fourth Test.

– Pace never deterred Hanumant. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 18.

Harbeant Singh

The suspended secretary of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Mr Raghbir Singh, has resigned as receiver of Gurdwara Gurusar Satlani, the Sikh Gurdwara Judicial Commission (SGJC) in Amritsar on August 31.

– Satlani Gurdwara receiver resigns. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 4.

Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan Singh, Editor, *Indian Observer* and president of the All-India Small and Medium Newspapers Federation died following a heart attack in the early hours of April 5.

– Editor of Indian Observer dead. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 1.

Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan Singh came good with both the bat and the ball to play the sheet-anchor role as India scripted an incredible 39-run victory against England in the first of the seven-match oneday series at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground in New Delhi on March 28.

– Harbhajan spoils England party. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 1.

Cricket star Harbhajan Singh is all set to tour drug-ravaged border districts of Punjab and motivate youths to stay away from drugs after September 25 as part of the ongoing. "Jaago", an anti-drug campaign launched by the

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Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC).

– Harbhajan to join anti-drug campaign. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 5.

Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh will again have to contend with match referee Chris Broad, who found his action suspect during the 2004 tour of Bangladesh.

– Chris Broad. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 18.

Ace off-spinner Harbhajan Singh on October 7 apologised to the Sikh community for "hurting" their emotions by keeping his hair open in an advertisement. "If my action has hurt the Sikh community, then I feel sorry for it. I will take note of it (in future)," Harbhajan told PTI.

– Harbhajan apologises to Sikh community. *Sunday Tribune.* October 08, 2006: 22.

Harcharan Singh (Dr)

The entire Punjabi literary world plunged into grief when the news of the death of the legendary playwright, Dr Harcharan Singh, in a hospital on April 12 morning reached it. An epoch-making actor who actively participated in theatre and literary activities even at the age of 91, Dr Harcharan Singh was a pioneer in the propagation of Punjabi theatre. Born on December 10, 1914, at Chakk number 576 in Shekupura district (Pakistan), Dr Harcharan Singh emerged on the arts scene in 1937. With his arrival, the Punjabi theatre acquired a new dimension at a time when staging plays on contemporary themes was a nightmare. Almost all his plays were staged at different venues in India and abroad like 'Maharani Jindan' and 'Chamkaur di Garhi' (shot as a film, 'Sarvans Daniya'). Other notable plays are 'Puniya da Chann', 'Hind di Chadar', Jafarnama' and 'Kamagatmaru'.

– A legend in his own time. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 8.

Faculty, research scholars, students and employees of the School of Punjabi Studies of Guru Nanak Dev University held a condolence meeting in Amritsar to mourn the death of Dr Harcharan Singh, a noted Punjabi playwright.

– Playwright's death mourned. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 17.

The first Harpal Tiwana Award will go posthumously to Dr Harcharan Singh for his untiring efforts towards the advancement of Punjabi drama and performing arts.

– Harpal Tiwana Award for Dr Harcharan Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 3.

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Harcharan Singh (Dr)

The father figure of medical fraternity, Dr Harcharan Singh, was honoured with the lifetime achievement award by the Indian Medical Association in Amritsar on Thursday. The chairman of the Punjab State Medical and Dental Teachers' Association, Dr B.S. Dhillon, said Dr Harcharan Singh achieved acclaim in the medical profession and was a torch bearer for the younger generation.

– Doctor honoured. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 4.

Harcharan Singh (Col-retd)

Guru Nanak Dev University honoured its alumnus, Col Harcharan Singh (retd), a hockey Olympian, during its 32nd annual convocation held in Amritsar on January 8. A veteran of two Olympics, three World Cups and two Asian Games, Col Harcharan Singh also had a stint as the chief coach of the Indian team in 1999. He was acclaimed as the world's fastest left-winger during the 1970s. Acknowledging his distinguished services, the Army bestowed upon him the Vishisht Seva Medal, while the Indian Government honoured him with the Arjuna Award.

– GND varsity honours Harcharan Singh. *Tribune.* January 09, 2006: 19.

Hardyal Singh

Proudly wearing as many as 40 medals on his chest that were awarded to him by the Army, 69-year-old Hardyal Singh, an ex-serviceman from Taran Taran, caught everyone's attention at the ex-servicemen's rally in Gurdaspur. Even the Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, noticed the veteran soldier of 4th Horse regiment and greeted him.

– Medallist par excellence. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 5.

Haridas, Sujith

Sujith Haridas on April 25 took charge as the new Regional Director of the Confederation of Indian Industry, Northern Region. Mr Haridas, who has been with the Confederation since the last 10 years, comes to Chandigarh after a successful stint as Director at the CII's Central office, an official press note said. Mr Haridas replaces Ms Ratika Jain, who has been appointed as head of CII's London office.

– Sujith Haridas is CII northern region Director. *Tribune.* April 26, 2006:16.

Harika, Dronavalli

India completed its richest medal haul in the history of the World Youth Chess Championship winning five gold, two silver and three bronze medals at Batumi in Georgia on October 28. The Indian girls followed up the boys'

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stupendous performance on October 27 with three of them being crowned world champions, Ivana Furtado (girls under-8) of Goa, Ch Sahajasri (Girls under-10) of Karimnagar and Dronavalli Harika (Grils under-18) of Guntur became world champions in their respective categories.

– Ivana, Harika win world titles. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 22.

Harikrishna, Pendyala

Grandmaster P. Harikrishna struck back with a thumping victory over twice world junior champion Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the sixth round of Aerosvit International Grandmasters Chess Tournament now underway in Crimea.

– Harikrishna records win. *Tribune.* June 24, 2006: 23.

Grandmaster Pendyala Harikrishna settled for a draw against Ruslan Ponomariov in the 10th round of the Aerosvit International Grandmasters Chess Tournament in Crimea on June 27.

– Harikrishna settles for draw. *Tribune.* June 29, 2006: 21.

Former world junior champion P. Harikrishna started his campaign with a thumping victory over Grandmaster Peter Acs of Hungary in the third Marx Gyorgy Memorial International Chess Tournament in Paks (Hungary).

– Harikrishna wins. *Sunday Tribune.* July 30, 2006: 22.

P. Harikrishna registered a smashing victory over defending champion, Grandmaster Zoltan Almasi of Hungary in the third round to jump into sole lead at Marx Gyorgy Memorial International Chess Tournament in Paks.

– Harikrishna in sole lead. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 19.

Top seed Grandmaster P. Harikrishna maintained sole lead in the third Marx Gyorgy Memorial International Chess Tournament with an easy draw with Hungarian GM, Ference Berkes in the fourth round in Paks at College of Paks.

– Harikrishna maintains lead. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 18.

Former world junior champion P. Harikrishna won the third Marx Gyorgy International Chess Tournament after settling for an easy draw with Hungarian Grandmaster Ference Berkes in the 10th and final round game in Paks.

– Harikrishna wins title. *Tribune.* August 09, 2006: 19.

Harinderpal Singh

Harinderpal Singh scripted a remarkable comeback to engineer a victory for India over sixth seeded Canada in the 5-8 place play-off at the World

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Junior Squash Championships in Palmerston North, New Zeeland, on July 27.

– Harinder scripts victory over Canada. *Tribune.* July 28, 2006: 22.

Harjeet Singh (Col-retd)

Published by the Sikh LI Regimental Centre at Fatehgarh, the book on Sikh Light Infantry has been released. It was edited by Col Harjeet Singh (retd), a regimental officer settled in Chandigarh. According to the editor's note, the book is not a history of the Sikh Light Infantry per se, but an exposition for the regiment in all its facets in peace and war.

Book on Sikh Light Infantry released. *Tribune.* March 09, 2006: 3.

Harpal Singh

Mr Harpal Singh and Mr Rajinder Gupta were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the CII Punjab State Council for 2006-07 in Chandigarh on March 20. The Chairman of Fortis Healthcare Limited and the SRL Ranbaxy Limited, Mr Harpal Singh, is also the Chairman of Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre, the Fortis Financial Services Limited and the Fortis Securities Limited. He has a wide-ranging experience of over 30 years in the corporate sector. He is also involved in servral premier educational institutions, including Doon School, Scindia School and Yadvindera School, at the Board level and is a member of the Senate of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

– Harpal Singh is CII Punjab council chief. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 16.

Harpreet Singh

Verghese Johnson and Harpreet Singh dazzled in the ring to ensure two boxing medals for India as they outpunched their rivals to storm into the semifinals of the plus 91 super heavyweight and 91 kg heavyweight categories respectively, at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 21.

– Boxing: Harpreet, Johnson assured of medals. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006:18.

Local boy Harpreet Singh, who won a silver medal in boxing at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, was felicitated during a function held at his alma mater, SD College, on Saturday evening.

– Boxer honoured. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 18.

Harpreet Singh

Punjab Sports Department's senior boxing coach Harpreet Singh was declared the best judge in the 38th Junior National Boxing Championship which concluded at Calangute (Goa) last week.

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– Harpeet declared best judge. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 19.

Harsh Kumar (Major)

Major Harsh Kumar was shot dead by his subordinate, Naik Ravi Kumar, at a forward picket at Gambhir Muglian in the Rajouri sector on September 13 night. A spokesman for the Army said that the incident took place at a remote post of 38 Rashtriya Rifles (RR). Naik Ravi Kumar has been arrested and the Army and the police authorities are investigating the matter.

– Major shot dead by naik. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 1.

Harsh Vardhan (Dr)

Dr Harsh Vardhan, a former Director of the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) in Chandigarh, died on October 4 after a brief illness. He was 83. He leaves his wife Urmila and daughters Jyotsna, Chandrika and Deepika.

– Dr Harsh Vardhan dead. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 8.

Harvansh Singh

A senior Congress leader of Madhya Pradesh has called the campaign against Baba Ramdev as a despicable attempt to denigrate Ayurveda — the ancient Indian science of healing.

– Cong leader defends Ramdev. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 20.

Harwant Kaur

Harwant Kaur of Punjab hurled the disc to 51.24 metres to claim the gold in the two-woman discus throw field in the 1st National Circuit Meet, the first athletic meet of the season, at the Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on Feb. 15.

– Harwant Kaur wins gold. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 20.

Hassan, Ghulam (Sheikh)

Sheikh Ghulam Hassan was elected on August 10 an Amir of the Jamait-e-Islami in Jammu and Kashmir after he received support of majority from the Council of representatives which comprised the electoral college.

– Ghulam Hassan elected chief of Jamait-e-Islami. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 22.

Even while announcing that Jamait-e-Islami had no link with militants and opposed violence, the recently elected Amir of the organisation, Sheikh Ghulam Hassan, has advocated the need for resolving the Kashmir issue either through trilateral talks or by allowing the people of Jammu and Kashmir their right, as provided in the UN resolution, for self-determination for settling the dispute.

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– Jamait-e-Islami chief for peace talks. *Tribune.* August 14, 2006: 6.

Hathi, M.K. (Capt)

In spite of a high-power internal committee holding former Director of Operations of Air India, Capt M.K. Hathi guilty of ad-hocism in appointments and giving a go by to the overarching DGCA's Civil Aviation Rules (CAR), the carrier's CMD V. Thulasidas has appointed him Executive Director, Air Safety.

– Indicted official made A-I safety chief. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006:1.

Hawaldar, Rohit

Rehan Poncha and Rohit Hawaldar won a gold and a silver, respectively, in men's 400 meter freestyle for India on the opening day of aquatics event at the South Asian Games in Colombo on August 19.

– Swimers rule the pool. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 1.

Hawara, Jagtar Singh

As Jagtar Singh Hawara, chief of the Babbar Khalsa International in India, on February 17 failed to appear in the court of Mr Jaspal Singh Chugh, Additional District Judge (ad hoc), Fast Track Court, Sangrur, personally or through his counsel, the judge initiated ex-parte proceedings on the petition filed by Balwinder Kaur, wife of Hawara, under Section 12 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, for annulment of her marriage with Hawara.

– Hawara fails to appear in court. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 5.

Hazare, Anna

Social activist Anna Hazare on August 9 began his fast-unto-death against the Government's move to amend the Right to Information Act, 2005. Mr Hazare, who started his protest from a religious place at Alandi, told reporters that by bringing in the amendments the very soul of the right to information would be taken away. "This is injustice to the 110 crore people of this country", he said.

– Hazare on indefinite fast. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 2.

Noted social activist Anna Hazare, whose indefinite fast against the proposed amendments to the Right to Information Act, 2005 entered the second day on August 10, has sought the intervention of UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi to ensure that the Act is "saved from destruction".

– RTI Act: Hazare writes to Sonia. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 2.

Noted social activist Anna Hazare on August 19 called off his 11-day-old fast unto death in Alandi following an assurance from the Centre that it has

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dropped plans to amend the Right to Information Act.

– Hazare calls off fast over RTI Act. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 2.

Hazarika, Bhupen

India's oldest performing singer, Bhupen Hazarika, suffered a mild stroke while giving an Asamese new year stage performance in Guwahati on April 16. He is in the intensive care unit after suffering a mild storke. His condition is stable.

– Hazarika suffers storke. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 13.

Hazarika, Maya

Maya Hazarika, a noted singer in Assamese, died at her house in Shillong on August 26 early morning, according to a report received in Chandigarh. She was 73.

– Sanjoy Hazarika bereaved. *Sunday Tribune.* August 27, 2006: 2.

Heena

Heena of Adarsh Bal Vidyalya Senior Secondary School, Nawanshahr, topped the Punjab Matriculation examination securing 605 marks out of 650.

– Nawanshahr girl tops in Punjab matric exam. *Tribune.* June 10, 2006:1.

Henry, Avtar

The Punjab Industry Minister, Mr Avtar henry, has been elected as the President of the Punjab Motor Union, a body of private bus operators in the State. Mr Henry, who is a leading private transporter, has been elected unanimously for the 16th time in a row.

– Henry re-elected chief of Punjab Motor Union. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 7.

Hirsimran Singh

The "Sikh Vision 2025", a 612-page book authored by Hirsimran Singh and released by Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar, Akal Takht, has raised many questions with regard to the Sikh clergy.

– 'Sikh Vision 2025' raises questions on clergy. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 4.

Hirwani, Narendra

Leg-break bowler Narendra Hirwani, who took a record 16 wickets on his Test debut against the West Indies in 1988, announced his retirement from first-class cricket on February 5. The spinner played in 17 Tests and took 66 wickets at an average of 30.10. He played his last Test against South Africa in 1996.

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– Hirwani retires. *Tribune.* February 06, 2006: 18.

Hooda, Bhupinder Singh

Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, on March 11 urged the Government of India to establish a separate High Court for Haryana in Chandigarh and fill the vacancies of judges in high court and subordinate courts on priority basis.

– Hooda seeks separate High Court for state. *Sunday Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 7.

A city court has issued an arrest warrant against Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda in a case relating to defacement of public property. Metropolitan Magistrate A.K. Susodia issued the order against Mr Hooda on August 10 which is to be carried out by October 5.

– Arrest warrant against Hooda. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 20.

Hooda, Deepender Singh

Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda was accorded a civic reception in Rohtak on December 16 for bringing in Central development projects worth Rs 2,800 crore for the Rohtak Lok Sabha constituency during the first year of his tenure.

– MP honoured for doing bounden duty. *Sunday Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 7.

Hooda, K.D.S. (Maj)

Maj K.D.S. Hooda from the Eastern Command won the individual tent pegging event, while riders from the Remount and Veterinary Corps swept the National Equestrian Championships at the Chandigarh Horse Show on April 29.

– Major Hooda wins tent pegging title. *Sunday Tribune. April* 30, 2006: 22.

Hooda, Krishan Moorti

Former Minister Krishan Moorti Hooda, who recently had quit the Congress and former Haryana Vikas Party legislator from Badhra constituency Nripender Singh on May 17 joined the Bharatiya Janata Party.

– Krishan Moorti, Nripender Singh join BJP. *Tribune.* May 18, 2006: 7.

Humpy, Koneru

Chess Grand Master Koneru Humpy finished with a whopping eight points out of nine to grab India's first gold medal of the 15th Asian Games at the A1 Dana Hall in Doha on December 4.

– Gold: Koneru Humpy bags India's first. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006:18.

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Koneru Humpy had given a terrific start by winning the individual gold medal in the first week of the Asian Games. "It is a good feeling to win another gold for the country. We were confident of winning the title before the competitions started, and it is great to have done it," Humpy said.

– Golden checkmate. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 21.

Hussain, M.F.

A protest march was taken out by a large number of people in this district on January 15 evening against noted painter M.F. Hussain's nude paintings of Hindu Gods.

– Protest against Hussain's gods. *Tribune.* January 17, 2006: 2.

Protesting against the "objectionable" depiction of gods and goddesses by M.F. Hussain, Bajrang Dal activists on February 8 burnt his effigy in Kanpur. They took out a march, shouting slogans against Hussain and set afire his effigy, the police said.

– Hussain's effigy burnt. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 2.

Activists of the VHP and Bajrang Dal on February 11 burnt effigies of M.F. Hussain in protest against his controversial paintings of Bharat Mata and Hindu gods and goddesses.

– VHP burns Hussain's effigy. *Sunday Tribune.* February 12, 2006: 2.

Lashing out against the Bhopal Majlis-e-Shura's move to exorcise noted painter M.F. Hussain from Islam, the All-India Muslim Women's Personal Law Board (AIMW-PLB) secretary-general, Ms Parveen Abidi, declared that in Islam no one had the authority to throw anybody out of the Islamic faith. While condemning Hussain's paintings for "hurting the sentiments of our Hindu brethren", Ms Abidi asserted that the painter's freedom of expression could not be an unbridled licence to offend the emotions and religious feelings of others.

– Muslim woman leader lashes out against extremist voices. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 2.

The highest taking at the "Larasati — Pictures of Asia" fine art auction in Singapore was for a stunning image of "Mother Teresa" by Indian painter M.F. Hussain. Estimated at $184,050-214,725, the work ultimately pulled in Singapore $322,600 and was the show's topper for the day.

– Husain's "Mother Teresa" tops auction. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 9.

The Hindu Forum of Britain has asked Asia House in London to withdraw an exhibition of the works of Indian artist M.F. Hussain, claiming his "offensive" paintings of Hindu gods and goddesses have outraged community

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member around the world.

– Withdraw Hussain's exhibition: forum. *Tribune*. May 24, 2006: 9.

An M.F. Hussain masterpriece will go under the hammer at Christie's in New York to raise funds for Pratham, a charity dedicated to eradicate primary illiteracy in India. The painting, titled 'Woman playing Veena', currently in possession of NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal's wife Usha, will be auctioned next March to raise funds for Pratham's work with children in India.

– M.F. Hussain painting to be auctioned. *Tribune*. December 04, 2006: 13.

Hussain, Tassadaq

In another setback to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), which is a partner in the Congress-led ruling coalition in Jammu and Kashmir, the High Court on March 13 unseated its MLC, Mr. Tassadaq Hussain, and declared Mr. Mohammad Rashid Qureshi of the National Conference (NC) elected to the reserved seat.

– PDP member's election held void. *Tribune*. March 14, 2006: 6.

Hussein, Shahnawaz

Mr Naqvi, who was retained as party Vice-President in the new team announced by Rajnath Singh on January 25, is replaced by another prominent Muslim face Shahnawaz Hussein in the powerful Central Election Committee.

– Jaju is BJP HQ in charge. *Tribune Sunday* January 29, 2006: 2.

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Ilyas Ali

An Indian-origin man has been sentenced to five years in prison for his involvement in a plot to sell Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to the A1-Qaida terror network. San Diego District Judge James Lorenz sentenced Ali to 57 months in jail on April 10.

– Man of Indian-origin jailed in USA. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 9.

Imrana

Fifty-five-year-old Mohammad Ali of Charthawal village in Muzaffarnagar was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and fined Rs 10,000 for raping his daughter-in-law, Imrana, a mother of five, in the much-talked about rape case last year.

– Father-in-law gets 10-yr jail for raping Imrana. *Tribune.* October. 20, 2006: 24.

– Justice for Imrana. *Tribune.* October 21, 2006: 12.

In her continued legal battles, Imrana whose father-in-law was convicted of raping her is facing a defamation suit filed by her sister-in-law. A local court has fixed November 6 for hearing the statement of Imrana's sister-in-law Muhazra Begum, who claims Imrana had alleged all the daughters-in-law of Mohammed Ali were raped by him.

– Imrana faces defamation suit. *Tribune.* October 24, 2006: 20.

Inderpal Singh (Dr)

The Council of Boards of School Education in India in association with the Shivalik Education Society will honour eminent educationist, Dr Inderpal Singh, former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) and former Vice-Chairman of Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) on August 5 on his 75th birth anniversary.

– Dr Inderpal Singh to be felicitated today. *Tribune.* August 05, 2006: 3.

Indravesh, Swami

Former MP and Arya Samaj leader Swami Indravesh died in Rohtak on June 12 evening. He was 69. Born in Sundana village in 1937, Swami Indravesh was influenced by the thoughts of Swami Dayanand Saraswati in his childhood. After becoming an acharya he taught at the Jhajjar Gurukul. In 1970, he founded a political body called the Arya Sabha. In 1973, he led

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an agitation of farmers for remunerative prices of agricultural produce. He coordinated the anti-Indira Gandhi stir, led by the late Jai Parkash Narain in the late '70s in Haryana. He was imprisoned during Emergency. However, he got disenchanted with the Janata Party in 1980 and joined the late Charan Singh's Lok Dal on whose ticket he successfully contested the Rohtak Lok Sabha seat. In 1998, he joined the Bharatiya Janata Party and contested the Rohtak seat, but lost. He then became the chief of the Haryana Arya Pratinidhi Sabha.

– Swami Indravesh dead. *Tribune.* June 14, 2006: 7.

Iqbal Singh

Mr Iqbal Singh was appointed honorary media adviser of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) in Amrtisar on February 7.

– Iqbal Singh SGPC media adviser. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006: 20.

Iqbal Singh, Brig.

Sources at Army Headquarters revealed that the sentence of cashiering and two years rigorous imprisonment awarded to Brig Iqbal Singh was confirmed this week and he has been sent to a civilian jail in Patiala. He had been found guilty of accepting money, enjoying the hospitality of wine and a call-girl and violating provisions pertaining to contact with foreign nationals.

– Brig gets jail in Tehelka case. *Tribune.* July 21, 2006: 1.

Iqbal Singh

A 40-year-old Sikh was hospitalised after he suffered stab wounds in an apparent hate crime in Santa Clara, California. The police said Iqbal Singh was standing in front of his house on July 30 morning when his neighbour walked up to him and stabbed him in the neck with a steak knife, apparently believing that the Sikh, who had a turban and a beard, belonged to the Taliban.

– Sikh stabbed in USA. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 12.

Ishwar Chand (Dr)

Dr Ishwar Chand of Rewari had got the Maharishi Banbhatt Award. He had been working on Sanskrit grammar and vocabularly. His works included "Sidhant Kaumudi," Laghu Sidhant", Kaumudi Astadhyayi.

– Maharishi Balmiki Award for Sansar Chand. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006:7.

Ishwar Singh, Bhai

The particulars of Bhai Ishar Singh, who saved the daughter of an army officer from the clutches of six drunken youths, who had tried to molest her,

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in Amritsar recently, have been sent to the government for honouring him. Mr Manpreet Singh Chhatwal, SDM, honoured him with a cash prize of Rs 21,000 on behalf of the district administration in Amritsar on August 19.

– Bhai Ishar Singh rewarded with Rs 21,000. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 8.

Ivana Furtado

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Jagannathan, Sudheer Nonia

Indian sailor Sudheer Nonia Jagannathan was allegedly beaten to death by his colleagues on board a Norwegian oil tanker in the international waters off the coast of Fujairah in the UAE following an argument over the cartoon row. Official sources confirmed the death of 31-year-old Sudheer Nonia Jagannathan, hailing form Mumbai, but refused to comment on the issue.

– Indian sailor beaten to death over cartoon row in UAE. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 1.

Jagat Singh

Ten days after wielding the axe against former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh, the Congress on August 18 suspended his son Jagat Singh, an MLA indicted by the Pathak Inquiry Authority in the oil-for-food scam, and served a show-cause notice asking him to explain why he should not be expelled from the party.

– Jagat Singh suspended from Cong. *Tribune.* August 19, 2006: 2.

The Rajasthan Congress on August 23 approved and recommended the suspension of Jagat Singh, son of former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh, and 11 other party workers.

– Rajasthan Cong approves Jagat's suspension. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006:17.

The Enforcement Directorate issued notices to Jagat Singh, Andaleeb Sehgal, the alleged main beneficiary of the oil coupons, his business partner Aditya Khanna and Sehgal's another associate Vikas Dhar.

– ED notices to Natwar, Jagat Singh. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006: 1.

Jagat Singh, who along with his father and former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh has been indicted in the Iraqi oil-for-food scam, was on September 5 expelled from the party for indiscipline and misconduct.

– Jagat Singh expelled. *Tribune.* September 06, 2006: 19.

Jaggi, Hussan Singh

Hussan Singh Jaggi, a jawan of the 21st battalion of ITBP and a resident of Atehpur village near Sujanpur, has become the first person from the district and the third from the State to have climbed Mount Everest.

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– ITBP jawan scales Mount Everest. *Tribune.* July 14, 2006: 5.

Jagir Kaur, Bibi

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued a notice of contempt to former SGPC chief, Bibi Jagir Kaur, Dr U.S. Dhaliwal, Director-Principal of SGPC-managed Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Education and Research, Amritsar, and SGPC secretary Dalmegh Singh.

– Another contempt notice to Bibi Jagir Kaur, others. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 6.

The Supreme Court on April 28 directed the Punjab and Haryana High Court to set up a special bench to hear the petition of Kamaljit Singh in the Bibi Jagir Kaur case pertaining to alleged conspiracy to murder her own daughter.

– Expedite Bibi case, SC tells HC. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 24.

Jagjit Singh, Chaudhary

Giving clean chit to Local Bodies Minister Jagjit Singh in the Ludhiana City Centre scam, Punjab Chief Minister, Amrinder Singh said there was no need for the Minister to resign.

– No need for Jagjit Singh to quit: CM. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 1.

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on September 16 gave a clean chit to Local Bodies Minister Chaudhary Jagjit Singh in the alleged Ludhiana City Centre scam. The CM said, "The Minister has done no wrong in the case and I am not going to ask Mr Chaudhary to tender his resignation."

– Clean chit for Minister. *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 5.

After the ruckus in the Punjab Assembly over the Ludhiana City Centre issue, it seems Ch Jagjit Singh faces another charge, that is, of tampering with records of the Vidhan Sabha. He is also the Parliamentary Affairs Minister in the Amarinder Singh Cabinet.

– Another controversy haunts Ch Jagjit. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006:5.

Jaglan, R.S. (Dr)

Dr R.S. Jaglan, Senior Scientist of Entomology at Haryana Agricultural University, has been appointed the Registrar of the Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology in Hisar.

– Jaglan is GJU Registrar. *Tribune.* August 29, 2006: 7.

Jagmohan Singh (Dr)

Defending the recent appointments made by Dr Y.S. Parmar University of

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Horticulature and Forestry, the University Vice-Chancellor, Dr Jagmohan Singh, on July 31 said a mere gold medal was not the sole criteria of selection. Marks according to the qualification, publications and experience had also been taken into consideration.

– Parmar varsity VC defends recent appointments. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 9.

Jagmohan Singh (Prof)

The Khanna police has booked Shaheed Bhagat Singh's nephew, Prof Jagmohan Singh, his wife Dr Ajmarjit Kaur, and Dr Ravinder Singh Sidhu, owner of Sidhu Hospital, Doraha, on the charge of cheating in the land deal. Prof Jagmohan Singh, however, alleged that he and his wife, owner of Amarjit Hospital in Ludhiana, had been victimised at the behest of a Khanna-based Congress leader. The police has registered a case after an inquiry on the complaint of Mr Roop Sachdeva of Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana. He had alleged the accused had taken earnest money of Rs 60 lakh for selling him land worth Rs 3.80 crore located near Khanna bus stand.

– Bhagat Singh's nephew, 2 docs booked for cheating. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 4.

Jagtar Singh, Baba

Three-century-old gold palanquin was replaced by a new one at the Darbar Sahib in Tarn Taran on May 25. The new palanquin was installed by Baba Jatar Singh of the Kar Sewa Wale sect with the consent of Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC).

– Baba Jagtar Singh installs palanquin at Darbar Sahib. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 4.

In a volte face, the emergency meeting of the SGPC executive on July 13 decided to restore kar seva to Baba Jagtar Singh of Tarn Taran.

– SGPC restores kar seva to Baba Jagtar Singh. *Tribune.* July 14, 2006: 4.

Jah, Mukarram

The eighth Nizam of Hyderabad, Prince Mukarram Jah will have to pay a small fortune to his estranged third wife Manolya Onur following a divorce settlement. A city family court on June 26 issued a decree of the divorce settlement providing for payment of $700,000 to Manolya, who is also a former Miss Turkey, towards Mehr.

– 'Nizam' to pay $700,000 mehr to third wife. *Tribune.* June 27, 2006: 2.

Jahangir (Hav)

With a combined score of 309, Hav Jahangir of the Shivalik Golf Course

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lifted the overall championship trophy in the 2nd All-India Mid-Amateur Golf Championships 2006-07, which concluded at Chandimandir on October 20.

– Jahangir is overal champ. *Tribune.* October 21, 2006: 23.

Jai Parkash

The former Union Deputy Minister and Hisar MP, Mr Jai Prakash (JP), was discharged and acquitted by two courts in Kaithal on May 27 in two different criminal cases registered against him during the previous regime.

– Former Union Deputy Minister acquitted. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 8.

Jai Rup Singh (Dr)

Dr Jai Rup Singh, Professor of Human Genetics and Coordinator of Centre for Genetic Disorders of Guru Nanak Dev University, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University for a period of three years. He would succeed Dr S.P. Singh who was appointed to the post in July 2001. This is for the first time that a scientist has occupied the post of Vice-Chancellor since the foundation of GNDU in 1969. The FIMSA recipient, Dr Jai Rup Singh is the Scientific Advisor of GENDIA International Foundation, USA, representing India; Chairman of the Indian Genetic Alliance for the Prevention of Genetic Disorders and Care of the Families; President of the Indian Society of Human Genetics (2001; 2002); Vice-President of the International Genetic Alliance, USA, representing Asia; World Eye Foundation India; the International Association of Human Biologists representing Southern Asia.

– Jai Rup Singh new GND varsity VC. *Tribune.* July 22, 2006: 5.

Newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Guru nanak Dev University Jai Rup Singh on July 23 took charge.

– GND varisty VC to focus on research. *Tribune.* July 24, 2006: 4.

Jain, D.K. (Chief Justice)

The Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice, Mr Justice D.K. Jain will be administered the oath as Judge of the Supreme Court on April 10 morning.

– D.K. Jain to be sworn in as SC Judge today. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006:1.

Jain, Micky

The Jagraon police has got a rare opportunity to peep into the mind of Micky Jain, Prime accused in the sensational Reema Jain murder case, when it found a page of writing pad of Oberoi Hotel on which the accused had clearly reflected his hatred for the business woman and the earnest

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desire to take revenge. Micky had on June 15, 2005, wrote on both sides of the page while his stay in the hotel in Shimla. He specially refers to the year 2000 and later when he was incarcerated in Ludhiana central jail in the murder case of his younger brother Sunil Jain, also the husband of Reema Jain. I had suffered a lot these years, he writes, referring to his innocence in the case. He was later acquitted by a district court also on the charges of murdering his brother. I will level the scores with you, he writes referring to Reema Jain, before July 31, 2005. Reema was kidnapped and murdered on July 29.

– Peep into the mind of Reema's 'murderer'. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006:6.

Jain, N.C. (Dr)

Dr N.C. Jain, a philanthropist and leading exporter of scientific instruments, died in the early hours of May 25 following a massive heart attack at Ambala Cantonment. He was 78.

– Ambala philanthropist, exporter dead. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 7.

Jain, Reema

The high-profile multi-millionaire businesswoman of Ludhiana. Reema Jain, was killed by what seems a lethal injection administered by her estranged brother-in-law Anil Jain alias Micky and three hired killers.

– Reema Jain was tortured before death. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 6.

Jain, Shanti (Dr)

The Shankar Puraskar for 2006 has been conferred on Dr Shanti Jain for her work "Lokgitaon ke Sandarbh aur Aayam". This is the first time that the Shankar Puraskar is being given for a study of an important aspect of folklore. An alumnus of Magadh University and Patna University, Dr Jain is the Head of department of Sanskrit at H.D. Jain College, Aara. Her work encompasses a study of the entire North Indian folk songs and analyses the literary qualities, aesthetics of folk songs and their musical qualities. Instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation, the award carries a cash prize of Rs 1.5 lakh.

– Shankar Puraskar for Shanti. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 16.

Jain, Sharda

Former Congress corporator of Municipal Council of Delhi, Sharda Jain was on December 21 convicted by a city court for the murder of her colleague Atma Ram Gupta four years ago as a result of an alleged sordid love triangle among the corporation members of the party involving another corporator Memwati Barwala.

– Ex-corporator of Delhi convicted of murder. *Tribune.* Dec. 22, 2006: 2.

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Former Congress member of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Sharda Jain and her brother were on December 22 awarded life sentence for hatching a conspiracy of kidnapping and murdering another party councillor Atma Ram Gupta four years ago as she did not like his "intimacy" with another woman corporator.

– Life sentence for Sharda Jain. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 2.

Jain, V.M. (Justice)

Mr Justice V.M. Jain of the Himachal High Court died of a massive heart attack at Ahemdabad on February 23. He was 60. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. Mr Justice Jain was shifted from the Punjab and Haryana High Court to the Himachal High Court recently.

– HC judge dead. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 18.

Jain, Vijender Kumar (Chief-Justice)

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of four high court chief justices, including Mr Justice Vijender Jain and Mr Justice H.S. Bedi as the Chief Justices of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Bombay High Court, respectively.

– Bedi named CJ of Mumbai HC. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 1.

The appointment of Mr Justice Vijender Jain as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana HC was cleared on November 16 by President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam after the Supreme Court Collegium recommended his name for the second time following certain queries raised by Dr Kalam. Born on August 2, 1946, Mr Justice Jain started his career as a lawyer in the Delhi HC and the Supreme Court in July, 1969, Considered an expert in constitutional, civil and taxation laws, he was appointed a judge of the Delhi HC on December 24, 1992. He is a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Human Rights and Honorary Secretary of the Association's Indian Chapter.

– Jain to be CJ of Punjab & Haryana HC. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006:1.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on November 28 got its 27th Chief Justice in Mr Justice Vijender Kumar Jain who was administered the oath of office by the Governor, Haryana, Dr A.R. Kidwai, at a ceremony held at Haryana Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh.

– Jain takes over as Chief Justice. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 20.

Jaipal Reddy, S.

The PIL, filed on September 18 against Rajghat Samadhi Committee Chairman and Urban Development Minister S. Jaipal Reddy, its Deputy

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Chairperson and eminent Gandhian Nirmala Deshpande and two others, seeks a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). It is listed for a hearing on December 8.

– Rajghat panel in legal wrangle over fraud charges. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006: 2.

Jairam Ramesh

Yet another Minister in the Manmohan Singh Government, Minister of State for Commerce, Jairam Ramesh, has come under the scanner of the Election Commission on the office-of-profit issue.

– Jairam Ramesh under EC scanner. *Tribune.* July 20, 2006: 2.

The Election Commission (EC) has issued a notice to Union Minister of State for Commerce, Jairam Ramesh on a complaint that he is holding an office of profit.

– EC notice to Jairam on holding office of profit. *Tribune.* Oct. 04, 2006: 2.

Jaisha, O.P.V.

India's O.P.V. Jaisha won the bronze medal in the women's 5,000 meter race at the Asian Games on December 11. The 23-year-old Kerala-born distance runner completed the gruelling race in 15 minutes and 41.91 seconds.

– Jaisha wins bronze in 5000m. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 18.

Jaitley, Arun

With an eye on the 2007 Punjab Assembly polls, BJP President Rajnath Singh on February 16 decided to make the party's "spin doctor" and General Secretary, Arun Jaitley incharge of the Punjab State, while BJP's veteran leader from Himachal Pradesh, Shanta Kumar was made incharge of Bihar, giving free hand to former state Chief Minister P.K. Dhumal.

– Jaitley made Punjab in charge. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 2.

Responding to discussions with Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, the State BJP on July 19 nominated Mr Arun Jaitley as a member of the working group on strengthening relations between Jammu and Kashmir with the Centre.

– Panel on State-Centre ties: BJP nominates Jaitley. *Tribune.* July 20, 2006: 6.

Jaitley, Jaya

In a major development in the Defence deal cases, the CBI has registered an FIR against former Defence Minister George Fernandes, his associate and former President of Samata Party, Jaya Jaitley and former Navy Chief

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Admiral Sushil Kumar, for alleged irregularities in the Barak Missile System Deal worth Rs 1150 crore with an Israeli firm.

– FIR against Fernandes, Jaya, ex-Navy chief. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006:1.

The CBI on December 27 chargesheeted Ms Jaya Jaitley, a close associate of former Defence Minister George Fernandes, one of her party colleagues and a retired Major-General for alleged bribery and criminal conspiracy in the Tehelka scam.

– CBI chargesheets Jaya. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006: 1.

Jaitly, Rajiv

Mr Rajiv Jaitly will take over as the new Chief Executive Officer of Airtel, Punjab circle, on April 22. Prior to his appointment as CEO, he was Chief Operating Officer (COO) in Rajasthan circle, where he helped Airtel to reach a 1 million customer mark.

– *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 5.

Jaju, Shyam

In his second round of team reshuffle, new BJP President Rajnath Singh on January 28 appointed party's Central Office Secretary Shyam Jaju as headquarters in charge replacing Vice-President Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi while retaining both V.K. Malhotra and Sushma Swaraj as spokespersons for the Parliamentary Party.

– Jaju is BJP HQ in charge. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 2.

Jakhar, Balram (Dr)

The Madhya Pradesh Governor, Dr Balram Jakhar, has refuted the BJP propaganda that he was working as a nominee of the Congress in the State. "My concern is only the welfare of Madhya Pradesh and of course the farming community", he added.

– No return to active politics: Jakhar. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 4.

Jakhar, Krishan Kumar (Dr)

Dr Krishan Kumar Jakhar, Associate Professor of Veterinary Pathology-cum-Officer in charge, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of HAU in Hisar, has been awarded with the Rashtriya Sanman Award by the National Education and Human Resource Development Organisation in recognition of his work in the field of veterinary pathology.

– Professor awarded. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 7.

Jalota, Sohan Lal

Mr Sohan Lal Jalota, a senior Congress leader, who was the president of

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local municipal committee for three years and had contested Assembly elections as party nominee from Samana in 1985, on June 24 announced his decision to quit the Party.

– Senior Congress leader quits. *Tribune.* June 25, 2006: 5.

Jamwal, K.S. (Lt-Gen)

Lt-Gen K.S. Jamwal, presently GOC-in-C, Army's Training Command based at Shimla, is to be the next GOC-in-C of Army's Eastern Command based at Kolkata. He replaces Lt-Gen Arvind Sharma, who retires on December 31.

– Gen Kapoor is new Army Vice-Chief. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 2.

Janni, Hans Raj

Mr Hans Raj Janni, Additional Director (Prosecution), Haryana, has been promoted as Director (Prosecution), Haryana, with effect from June 1.

– Janni is Director, Prosecution. *Tribune.* June 03, 2006: 3.

Jaspal Singh

The president of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), Mr Parkash Singh Badal, on December 28 appointed the former High Commissioner of India to Mozambique and Swaziland, Mr Jaspal Singh, as a member of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of the Party. Mr Jaspal Singh is a prolific writer on Sikh issues and history.

– Ex-envoy in SAD panel. *Sunday Tribune.* December 31, 2006: 5.

Jasraj, Pandit

The Haryana Institute of Fine Arts (HIFA) has conferred Kalahans Samman award upon the music maestro, Pt Jasraj. The prize money for lifetime achievement carries a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh along with a citation and an angvastram.

– Institute honours Pt Jasraj. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006: 7.

Jaswal, J.S. (Brig)

The widow of an Army man, who was posthumously awarded the Sena Medal, on December 26 levelled allegations against the Director, Sainik Welfare, Punjab, Brig J.S. Jaswal (retd), saying he was sexually harassing her and pressurising her into entering a physical alliance with him. The Brigadier has denied the charges. Brigadier Jaswal said the widow, Raj Kaur, was facing an inquiry for levelling caste-based accusations against Ms Surinder Kaur, hence she has levelled allegations of sexual harassment to cover up for that.

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– Army man's widow accuses Brig of sexual harassment. *Tribune.* December 27, 2006: 4.

Jaswant Singh

Former Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh has alleged that someone in the PMO during P.V. Narasimha Rao-led Congress Government had been leaking nuclear secrets to the US and "we are still being snooped". The Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha said he had come to know about it a decade ago but remained quiet so far as he did not want to sensationalise the issue.

– Someone in the earlier PMO leaked N-secrets: Jaswant. *Tribune.* July 21, 2006: 24.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on July 23 challenged former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Jaswant Singh to prove the allegation he made in his book "A Call to Honour" that there was a mole in the Prime Minister's Office during the premiership of Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao.

– PM dares Jaswant to name mole. *Tribune.* July 24, 2006: 1.

Former External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh belied all hope of getting to the bottom of the "mole" in the PMO as he on July 25 stuck to his guns refusing to disclose the identity of the alleged US spy or to seek time from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to discuss the issue.

– Jaswant refuses to name mole. *Tribune.* July 26, 2006: 1.

Despite his party coming to his defence, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Jaswant Singh's book 'A Call to Honour' is turning out to be his Waterloo as the Left, along with the Samajwadi Party and the Congress, on August 2 moved a privilege motion against him in the upper House for not revealing the identity of a 'mole' in the PMO.

– Privilege notice against Jaswant. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 1.

A section of BJP leaders is strongly pleading with the party high command that a punishment must be meted out to Mr Jaswant Singh for derailing the party from its set agenda and turning it into a butt of joke and an object of ridicule, sources said.

– Jaswant may lose post of Leader of Oppn in RS. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 24.

The Rajya Sabha Chairman, Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhaawat, on August 23 rejected senior Congress member V. Narayanasamy's privilege notice against the Leader of the Opposition , Mr Jaswant Singh, for "misleading" the House on the issue of mole in the PMO.

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– Notice against Jaswant rejected. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006: 16.

Jaswinder Singh

In the individual lance and peg event Jaswinder took the gold medal with 30 points and then successfully targeted the bronze in the individual lance, ring and peg event accumulating 23.5 points.

– Jaswinder wins gold. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006: 18.

Armyman Jaswinder Singh showed tremendous control over Diana to win the titles in the tent pegging individual (with sword) and tent pegging lemon and peg (with sword) in the International tent pegging competition being held at the Polo Grounds as part of the ongoing Patiala Heritage Festival in Patiala on February 15.

– Jaswinder bags two titles. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 21.

Jaswinder Singh

Dubai-based writer, Jaswinder Singh, author of controversial book "Dasam Granth da Likhari Kaun" (Who is author of Dasam Granth), has refused to appear before the Sikh high priests who recite the "Bani" of Dasam Granth.

– Author refuses to appear before Akal Takht. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006:5.

Jaswinder Singh

In the first such killing of a senior official by suspected Naxalites, Deputy Inspector-General Jaswinder Singh was on October 23 shot dead by unidentified persons at a village in Maoist infested Rayagada district of South Orissa.

– DIG shot in Orissa. *Tribune.* October 24, 2006: 1.

In a new twist to the killing of Orissa DIG Jaswinder Singh, the involvement of Naxalites was ruled out and his two personal security officers (PSO) were arrested and slapped with charges of murder. The DIG was reportedly shot dead by one of the PSOs. Earlier in the day before visiting Rayagada, Mr Patanayak said in Bhubaneswar that investigation had revealed that Jaswinder Singh was a victim of "accidental firing".

– Two PSOs held for Orissa DIG's murder. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006:1,15.

The police on October 26 began investigation into the killing of DIG Jaswinder Singh allegedly by one of his two PSOs, facing charges of murder, who have been remanded in police custody.

– Probe begins into DIG's killing. *Tribune.* October 27, 206: 20.

Jaura, Nirmal

Mr Nirmal Jaura, Assistant Director, Public Relations in the Communication

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Centre of Punjab Agricultural University, has been awarded with Shaheed Bhagat Singh Youth Award by the Directorate of Youth Services, Government of Punjab. The award was presented to him during the Republic Day celebrations at Ludhiana.

- Bhagat Singh award for PAU teacher. *Ludhiana Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 3.

Javed

Javed, the courageous teenager who saved many children from the inferno at Victoria Park in Meerut, died at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi on April 13. The 18-year-old, who was shifted from Jaiswal Rai Hospital at Meerut with 70 per cent burns on April 12 night, died around 5.30 am, according to Aneeda Begum, mother of Javed.

- Javed dead; friends ransack ICU, detained. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 2.

Javed Akhttar

Noted lyricist Javed Akhttar has been slapped a fine of Rs 1 lakh by the Delhi High Court for withdrawing a copy right violation case against a film production house and causing "unnecessary financial burden" on it to defend itself.

- Javed withdraws case, HC slaps Rs 1 lakh on him. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 2.

Jayalalithaa, J.

Even while the Amar Singh phone tapping controversy continues to rock the Central Government, J. Jayalalithaa on January 5 dropped a bombshell alleging that her telephones were also being tapped by the Centre.

- Centre tapping my phone calls, alleges Jayalalithaa. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 1.

The Supreme Court on February 24 made certain strong observations against Tamil Nadu CM, J. Jayalalithaa over her non-appearance in an income tax case pending against her in Chennai. "How long can you drag the proceeding? You must set an example to others by presenting yourself in the court," a Bench of Justice B.N. Agrawal and Justice A.K. Mathur observed.

- SC talks tough against Jaya. *Tribune.* February 25, 2006: 8.

The Supreme Court on March 3 gave two months' time to a Chennai court to complete hearing on the issue of framing of charges in the Income Tax Act violation case against Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa.

- Jaya case: SC gives 2 months to trial court. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006:21.

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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa has hit the road with her election campaign much before her opponent Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and is drawing large number of crowds through her populist measures.

– Jaya starts poll campaign. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 20.

The CBI on July 31 filed a chargesheet against former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, J. Jayalalithaa and two of her Cabinet colleagues in connection with a case registered in 1996 regarding acceptance of demand drafts, cash and jewellery worth Rs. 4.11 crore on the occasion of her birthday between 1991 and 1993. She has been charged under Section 11 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

– CBI files charge-sheet against Jaya. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 2.

The CBI court on August 9 ordered issue of summons to former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, J. Jayalalithaa, and two of her erstwhile Cabinet colleagues in a CBI case relating to the receipt of demand drafts worth Rs 2 crore on her birthday in 1992, when she was Chief Minister. The judge issued the order after taking on file the chargessheet filed by the CBI in July.

– CBI summons to Jaya. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006; 1.

The Madras High Court on December 2 dismissed appeals by former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and AIADMK supremo J. Jayalalithaa and her friend, Sasikala, to be discharged from pending income tax cases.

– Madras HC dismisses Jaya's IT appeal. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006:2.

Jayaprakash Narayan, N. (Dr)

A new political party which aims at changing the rules of the game instead of players has been announced by the IAS officer-turned-activist Jayaprakash Narayan. The Lok Satta will have a national outlook and national objectives, but will initially make a foray in Andhra Pradesh with political reform as its central agenda, he told reporters in Hyderabad on August 9.

– Ex-IAS officer floats party. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 2.

IAS officer-turned-activist Dr N. Jayaprakash Narayan has submitted his resignation as member of the National Advisory Council (NAC). The decision comes in the wake of his plans to launch a political party in Andhra Pradesh to work for heralding a new political culture and social equity.

– Narayan quits as NAC member. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 2.

Jeev Milkha Singh

Seasoned golfer Jeev Milkha Singh ended a seven-year title drought winning

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the $1.8 million Volvo China Open by a single stroke in Beijing in April 16.

– Jeev wins China Open. *Tribune.* April 17, 2006: 18.

Jeev Milkha Singh's triumph at the Volvo China Open has seen him leap from 319th to 195th in the latest Official World Golf Rankings issued on Monday. Jeev, who has also risen to the top of the Asian Tour Order of Merit after taking home a prize money of $3,00,000, has 0.79 average points.

– Jeev jumps. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 18.

Jeev Milkha Singh fired a brilliant six-under 65 to take a two-shot lead after the opening round of the Japan Open in Kawagoe on October 12. The 34-year-old Indian star, who returned in Kawagoe after a week's holiday in Chandigarh, seemed fresh and relaxed as he pushed Japanese superstar and Order of Merit leader Shingo Katayama to the second place at the Kasumigaseki Country Club West Course.

– Jeev Milkha in lead. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 21.

Jeev Milkha Singh on October 29 added a golden chapter in Indian golf when he lifted the Volve Masters of Europe at the Club de Golf Valderrama and became the first Asian to win in Europe. The biggest win of Jeev's career came when he calmly carded a one-over 72 and collected the winning cheque of Euros 666,660 ($840,855), the biggest cheque by an Indian in an individual sport.

– Jeev registers historic win. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 18.

Jeev Milkha Singh flew on the wings of two eagles and five birdies to reach the top of the leaderboard in the Yomiuri Memorial Tournament in Tokyo on the Japan Golf Tour.

– Jeev takes sole lead. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006: 23.

Jeev Milkha Singh played attacking golf to return a card of five-under 67, stretching his lead to three shots after three rounds in the Asahiryokuken Yomiuri Memorial golf tournament in Fukuoka on November 4.

– Jeev extends lead. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006: 23.

An injured wrist brought misfortune for Jeev Milkha Singh as the ace Indian golfer fell short by a shot to miss out on the title at the Asahiryokuken Yomiuri Memorial 2006 golf tournament.

– Injured wrist costs Jeev the title. *Tribune.* November 06, 2006:21.

Compatriot Jeev Milkha Singh, playing alongside Woods, enjoyed the satisfaction of outscoring his more famous playing partner with a 70.

– Jyoti, Jeev eclipse Tiger on day one. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 18.

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Jeev Milkha Singh displayed fine iron play and carded a bogey-free three-under 69 to get back into shared lead after the third round of the $ 1.19 million Casio World Open golf championship in Kochi (Japan) on November 25.

– Jeev in joint lead. *Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 23.

In-form Jeev Milkha Singh braved rain and tough conditions in Kochi on November 26 to win the Casio World Open golf tournament and end his six-year title drought in Japan.

– Jeev does it in Japan. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 1.

Jeev Milkha Singh took a giant leap forward to climb up to 55 in the lastest Official World Golf Rankings, thus inching close towards his goal of breaking into the top 50, which would earn him an invitation to the US Masters next April.

– Jeev soars. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 18.

Jeev Milkha Singh capped a spectacular season when he won his fourth title of the year and second in as many weeks by clinching the season-ending Nippon Series JT Cup golf tournament in Tokyo on December 3. The win, which fetched Jeev a cheque of 30 million Yen, will also carry him into the top-50 of the world golf rankings and ensure a place in the prestigious Augusta Masters next April.

– Jeev seals another win. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 19.

Jeev Milkha Singh achieved another milestone in a remarkable career by finally breaking into the top 50 and the 47th ranked Indian became the first from the country to qualify for next year's US Masters.

– Jeev breaks into top 50. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 19.

Jeev Milkha Singh as gone up two places to 45th in the latest Official World Golf Rankings. The in-form Indian, who booked a berth in next April's US Masters after winning back-to-back titles in Japan Tour, is third on the Asian list with 2.60 average points.

– Jeev rises to 45th spot. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006: 19.

Jeev Milkha Singh's sizzling six-under 66 sent him catapulting to tied third, while short-game wizard S.S.P. Chowrasia soared to tied ninth with his second successive round of 70 at the halfway stage of the $650,000 Volvo Masters of Asia in Bangkok on December 15.

– B'day boy Jeev soars to tied third. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 22.

Jeev Milkha Singh stayed in the title hunt despite dropping to the tied sixth position after returning an eventful level-par card on a blustery penultimate

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day at the season-ending $ 650,000 Volvo Masters of Asia in Bangkok on December 16.

– Jeev Slips to tied sixth. *Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 22.

Chiranjeev Milkha Singh is back in Chandigarh. With four major titles and prize money of $2.8 million in his pocket, the golf icon is all set to take on the golfing greats in the US Masters to be held in April.

– Jeev all set to enter Tiger's den. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006: 19.

Chiranjeev Milkha Singh was honoured with the Punjab Golf Rattan award by the Punjab Golf Association at a ceremony attended by golfers from all over the region at Kisan Bhavan in Chandigarh in December 29 evening.

– Jeev is Punjab Rattan. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 22.

Jha, Pankaj (Lieut-Col)

A senior Army officer serving in Rashtriya Rifles (RR) in Jammu and Kashmir was found dead from gunshot wounds in his room this afternoon. Though a court of inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the death, initial reports indicate that he committed suicide. The deceased has been identified as Lieut-Col Pankaj Jha, an EME officer posted as Assistant Quarter Master General with Headquarters 15, Sector RR, at Mahore in Udhampur district.

– Lieut-Col posted in J&K kills himself. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 1.

Jha, Prakash

Known for his bold allegorical films, from "Gangajal" to "Apaharan" depicting the alleged misrule in Bihar in the past, Prakash Jha has now offered to construct a four-lane highway in Bihar between Hazipur and Muzaffarpur — a project no private company earlier wanted to execute due to the prevailing poor law and order situation.

– Prakash Jha offers to build Bihar roads. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 8.

Jha, Shiv Charan

CRPF commandant, Shiv Charan Jha, who has vowed to keep half of his moustache shaved until he gets justice at a press conference in Jammu on November 11. He was suspended from service a year ago on ground of being mentally imbalanced.

– *Tribune.* November 13, 2006: 6.

Jha, V.K.

The CBI, which had registered a case in a designated court in New Delhi recently, arrested two former Navy officers, V.K. Jha and Vinod Rana,

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from Muzaffarpur in Bihar and Dwarka in Delhi, respectively.

3 ex-Navy officers held. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 1.

Jhakar, Geetika

Geetika Jhakar and Alka Tomar stole the limelight as India claimed a silver and a bronze from the women's wrestling events in the Asian Games in Doha on December 11.

– Silver, bronze in wrestling. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 1.

Jhanu Hansda

Top-ranked woman archer Jhanu Hansda of Jharkhand on September 9 broke the world record in compound category by scoring 1405 points out of a maximum 1440 on the second day of the selection trial for the Indian team being held at the JRD Tata Sports complex in Jamshedpur.

– Jhanu breaks world record. *Sunday Tribune.* September 10, 2006: 22.

Jiji, U.K. (Lt)

In the first instance of its kind in the Army, a woman officer has faced a summary trial for going absent without leave (AWOL). She has been awarded one year's loss of seniority and a severe reprimand, it is learnt.

– Absent lady officer loses seniority. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 13.

Jindal, Naveen

Out of the 145 member-association of the HOA, 112 members passed a non-confidence motion against Mr Abhey Chautala and unanimously declared Mr Naveen Jindal, a Member of Parliament from Kurukshetra, as the new chief of the Haryana Olympic Association. Being a direct political rival of Mr Chautala, Mr Jindal then nominated Mr Pamveer Rathi, Inspector General of Police (CID) as the secretary-general of the association, replacing Mr MS Malik, a former DGP, Haryana, and Mr Anand Singh Dangi, MLA from Meham, as vice-president.

– Naveen Jindal new HOA chief, Chautala group cries foul. *Tribune.* May 07, 2006: 3.

The Abhey Chautala group, which was dislodged from the Haryana Olympic Association last week, has moved court against the election of Naveen Jindal, MP, as its new president.

– Jindal's election challenged. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006: 1.

Jindal, Sajjan

Steel baron Sajjan Jindal on September 22 announced plans to invest around Rs 15,000 crore in three projects in West Bengal.

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– Sajjan Jindal to invest Rs 15,000 cr in Bengal. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 19.

Jindal, Savitri

The former Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha, Mr H.S. Chatha, was administered the oath as Cabinet Minister. Mrs Kiran Choudhary, Mrs Savitri Jindal and Mrs Meena Rani were sworn in as Ministers of State with independent charge of their portfolios.

– Hooda expands Ministry. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 1.

Jitender Kumar

Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on March 24 announced a cash reward of Rs 3 lakh for Jitender Kumar who won a bronze medal in boxing at the Commonwealth Games.

– Cash reward for Jitender. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 22.

Johal, Narinder Singh

His grandfather made history in his own way, and now London-based realtor, Narinder Singh Johal, is out to script his family saga in the form of a Punjabi film.

– NRI to script his family saga. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 3.

Johnson, Varghese

Verghese Johnson and Harpreet Singh dazzle din the ring to ensure two boxing medals for India as they outpunched their rivals to storm into the semifinals of the plus 91 super heavyweight and 91 kg heavyweight categories respectively, at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 21.

– Boxing: Harpreet, Johnson assured of medals. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006:18.

India's Verghese Johnson had to be content with a bronze medal in the boxing event of the Asian Games after he lost to his Kazakhstan opponent in the semifinal of the men's super heavy weight +91 kg category in Doha on December 11.

– Johnson gets boxing bronze. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 1.

Johri, Anurag

Anurag Johri,a Lucknow-born Indian PhD student at a British university who battered his wife to death because she had become financially independent and had left him, has been sentenced to life imprisonment by the Birmingham Crown Court.

– Indian student gets life term for murdering wife. *Sunday Tribune.*

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September 17, 2006: 11.

Jora Singh

Jora Singh of Haryana enlivened the action on day three of the 12th Federation Cup Athletics Championship when he created a new national record in decathlon at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on March 2 evening.

– Jora Singh sets national record. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 20.

Joseph, Cyriac (Chief Justice)

You will not regret my appointment, was Karnataka Chief Justice Cyriac Joseph's message to the state Bar Council when he was felicitated by it upon joining office in January. Eight months down the line, he faces a boycott by the Bar, which has unanimously decided to keep away from all functions attended by him as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of the Karnataka High Court.

– Your jokes unpalatable, says Bar Council to Chief Justice. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 8.

Joseph, P.J.

Facing allegations of misbehaviour towards a woman passenger on an aircraft, Kerala Public Works Minister P.J. Joseph on September 4 resigned from the LDF ministry after the preliminary probe by a senior police officer finding that the woman's charge could not be ruled out.

– Kerala minister quits. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 1.

Josh, Harcharan Singh

Mr Harcharan Singh Josh, newly appointed member of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM), on March 18 kicked off a controversy by describing Sikhs as part and parcel of Hindus. The Jathedar of Akal Takht, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, the SGPC President, Mr Avtar Singh, and Mr Tarlochan Singh, former Chairman of the NCM, have deplored his statement.

– Sikhs part of Hindus: Josh. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 5.

Even as various Sikh organisations have sought the immediate removal of Mr Harcharan Singh Josh as a member of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) for challenging the distinct identity of the Sikhs, he (Mr Josh) dared them saying "Let Akal Takht summon him".

– Sikh bodies seek removal of Josh from NCM. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006:

Taking a serious note of clubbing of Sikhs with Hindus in a statement by

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newly appointed member of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM), Mr Harcharan Singh Josh, SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar on March 20 called for his immediate removal as NCM member. Strongly objecting to the statement by the member, the SGPC chief censured his appointment and called him a "stooge" of the Congress, which had appointed him to the post.

– SGPC chief for removal of Josh. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 4.

In a written statement, Mr Josh claimed that his statement was misunderstood and misinterpreted. "We all know that the Sikh community which I mentioned has its own separate religion with a distinct identily."

– Josh's volte face on definition of Sikhs. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 5.

Josh, Mohinder Singh

For the first time, various Sikh organisations including Nihang factions, at an emergency meeting, held at Gurdwara Baba Bakala yesterday decided to resort to legal action against Mohinder Singh Josh for authoring a controversial book.

– Sikh bodies to take legal action against writer. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 8.

Joshi, Sanjay

The Sanjay Joshi CD case has been entrusted for investigation to the CID which, in Madhya Pradesh, is considered as the dumping ground for politically sensitive cases. The RSS pointsman in the BJP, Mr Joshi had resigned as BJP general secretary after the CD showing him with a woman in a compromising position was made public during the BJP's silver jubilee celebrations in Mumbai.

– Joshi CD case given to CID. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006: 2.

Senior BJP leader Sanjay Joshi, who had resigned as party General Secretary (Organisation) in the wake of the circulation of sleaze CDs, was on April 3 reinstated to the post by party president Rajnath Singh.

– Sanjay Joshi reinstated. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 2.

Jugraj Singh

It is a second coming for Jugraj Singh (23). Like the proverbial phoenix he too has risen from the ashes to make a gallant comeback to the national hockey squad.

– Second coming for Jugraj Singh. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 18.

A hat-trick by drag-flicker Jugraj Singh was the highlight of Punjab Police's

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4-2 win against Border Security Force (BSF) in their league match in the 9th Ramesh Chander Memorial Hockey Tournament in Jalandhar on December 21.

– Jugraj does it for cops. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 20.

Jung, Anuja

Samresh Jung's better half Anuja made sure that the spotlight remained on the family by winning the gold in women's 50m rifle-three positions, while Vijay Kumar clinched the title in men's 25m rapid fire pistol.

– Rathore, Anuja shoot gold. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 22.

Himachal Pradesh CM Virbhadra Singh on December 28 honoured shooters Samresh Jung, his wife Anuja Jung and Vijay Kumar for their meritorious performances at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games held in March this year. A draft of Rs 8 lakh was presented to Anuja for winning one gold and one silver.

– Himachal CM honours shooters. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 18.

Jung, Samresh

Pistol shooter Samresh Jung fired a grand double, pocketing gold medals in 25m air pistol and 25m standard pistol pairs events at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 15.

– Jung shoots golden double. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 22.

Samresh Jung continued his gold-grabbing feats as he notched up his fourth gold medal in the 50m Pistol individual event at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in March 21.

– Jung wins fourth gold. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 18.

Pistol shooter Samresh Jung continued his gold shopping spree bagging his fifth on the trot with a new games record at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 22.

– Golden finish for Jung again. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 1.

The Jung clan was present in full force as Samaresh received the David Dicksen Trophy from Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President, Suresh Kalmadi at a felicitation function at the Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi on April 5. Samaresh got the trophy for being adjudged the "most outstanding athlete" at Melbourne.

– Samaresh gets David Dicksen Trophy. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 18.

Ace shooter Samresh Jung easily won the 50m free pistol event at the Sardar Sajjan Singh Memorial Masters Shooting Championship being

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organised by the National Rifle Association of India at the PAP Shooting Range. Samresh, representing CISF, scored 570 points.

– Samresh wins title with ease. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 18.

Samresh Jung kept up his winning spree as he won a gold in the 25 metre standard pistol event with a score of 567 points.

– Samresh Jung shoots gold. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 22.

The National Cadet Corps in New Delhi felicitated ace shooters Samresh Jung and his wife Anuja Jung, who between themselves collected 10 medals in the 18th Commonwealth Games at Melbourne, on May 16.

– Felicitated. *Tribune.* May 17, 2006: 18.

Samresh Jung's hopes of securing an Olympic quota place were dashed once again after he finished 36th in 50m free pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany.

– Olympic berth eludes Jung again. *Tribune.* May 27, 2006: 22.

Himachal Pradesh CM Virbhadra Singh on December 28 honoured shooters Samresh Jung, his wife Anuja Jung and Vijay Kumar for their meritorious performances at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games held in March this year. During a ceremony at the Vidhan Sabha complex, the Chief Minister presented a draft for Rs 30 lakh to Samresh for winning five gold, one silver and one bronze.

– Himachal CM honours shooters. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 18.

Jyotsana

Jyotsana, who made the country proud by her achievements in boxing and brought laurels for her home state Haryana, is a disillusioned person on March 29. She could not find her name in the 'Bhim Puraskar' list announced by the Haryana Government for the sportspersons of repute.

– Haryana boxer feels ignored. *Tribune.* March 30, 2006: 20.

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Kahlon, Harmeet

Harmeet Kahlon kept his cool and carded a level-par 72 round to win the Emaar-MGF PGTI Championship at the Karnataka Golf Association Club on December 22. The seasoned golfer from Chandigarh aggregated nine-under 279 to edge past his nearest rival Digvijay Singh by three shots and claim the winner's cheque for Rs 810,000.

– Kahlon bags golf title. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 22.

Kaif, Katrina

Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif's act of flaunting a long frock while shooting for a film at the Khwaja Moinudeen Chisti's dargah in Ajmer has caused a flutter in Jaipur. The film's shooting has been stopped following the dispute.

– Katrina's dress raises eyebrows. *Tribune.* October 04, 206: 2.

The management of the shrine of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinudeen Chisti here has served show-cause notices to Bollywwod star Katrina Kaif and others for filming a scene for a movie there without its permission.

– Meanwhile, Dargah notice for Katrina. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006:1.

Kaif, Mohammad

Uttar Pradesh, led from the front by skipper Mohammad Kaif, defeated former champions Mumbai by five wickets to storm into the Ranji Trophy Elite final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on January 23.

– Mohammad Kaif guides UP to historic win. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 19.

Mohammad Kaif scored a fluent 92 to help Uttar Pradesh reach 299 for three on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy final against Bengal at Lucknow on January 29.

– Kaif puts UP on top. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 21.

Former captain Kapil Dev has suggested that out of form opener Virender Sehwag and Mohammad Kaif should be asked to quit the Indian team and play domestic cricket to regain their touch.

– Drop Sehwag, Kaif: Kapil. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 18.

India might not fret a great deal about the loss on the sixth onedayer. Heat was terrible and there were far too many replacements, including a new set of medium pacers. But it needs a reassurance on its top order. India is not

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willing to let go on Sehwag or Mohammad Kaif, or for that matter Sachin Tendulkar. But time is running out.

– Time running out for Sehwag, Kaif. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 22.

Indian skipper Rahul Dravid on April 14 defended the team management's decision to persist with the struggling duo of Virender Sehwag and Mohammad Kaif, saying some players needed to be backed more because of their capabilities.

– Kaif, Sehwag get Dravid's backing. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 22.

Kailath, Thomas

Thomas Kailath, Hitachi America Professor of Engineering, Emritus, at Stanford University, becomes only the second Indian American to receive the honour since it was instituted in 1917. C. Kumar Patel of AT&T Bell Labs, a research and development organisation, being the other. Mr Kailath will receive a gold medal and $50,000 prize at a ceremony in June 2007, according to India West, an ethnic Indian newspaper.

– Indian American professor honoured. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 11.

Kakodkar, Anil

Top nuclear scientists and experts have come out in full support of Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) chief Anil Kakodkar's stand that putting the fast breeder reactor programme under IAEA safeguards will jeopardise the country's strategic interests.

– Atomic reactors plan: top scientists back AEC chief. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 2.

Mr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), said on September 13 that there was no compromise involved in the July 18, 2005 civil nuclear cooperation deal signed between India and the United States, and re-emphasised that the pact was in the global interest.

– No compromise in N-deal: Kakodkar. *Tribune.* September 14, 2006: 2.

Kalicharan

"Ms Mayawati is the biggest manipulator of Dalit votes. She has now become 'Daulat ki Beti' and is befooling the 'Bahujan Samaj" by proclaiming herself as 'Dalit Ki Beti'," the IJP leader said.

– Mayawati is "Daulat ki Beti", says IJP chief. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 24.

Kalmadi, Suresh

Suresh Kalmadi on February 18 announced his resignation as President of

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the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) to devote more time to his post in the Asian Athletic body. Kalmadi, who was elected as President of the Asian Athletics Association Council for the second term in Incheon, Korea, on August 30 last year, said he wanted to concentrate on the Asian athletics scene and was, therefore, relinquishing his post from the national body.

– Kalmadi quits as AFI president. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 22.

Kalra, Ajmer Singh

One of the biggest tout in the HP-CPMT case, Ajmer Singh Kalra, has admitted contacting medical college students for tutoring the candidates who benefitted form the pre-medical entrance paper leak.

– CPMT paper leak: Accused admits tutoring candidates. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 20.

Kalra, J.C.

The CBI on November 10 arrested another former Naval officer, Commander J.C. Kalra, in connection with the sensational Navy 'War Room' leak case for allegedly leaking classified information that affected national security.

– War room leak: Another former officer in dock. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 1.

Kamal Nath

The WTO talks in Geneva collapsed on July 1 as Trade Ministers of 60 key countries failed to arrive at a common ground on agriculture and industrial tariffs and Commerce Minister Kamal Nath pulled out of the meeting. Blaming the industrialised nations for the talks fizzling out, Mr Nath said, "There is no need to pretend that this has not been a failure. I am willing to negotiate commerce but on subsistence, livelihood and security, I will not be willing to negotiate." He left for home two days ahead of schedule.

– WTO talks collapse, Nath leaves for home. *Sunday Tribune.* July 02, 2006: 1.

Kanan, D.

D. Kanan, who represented the Indian football team in the 1960 Rome Olympics, died in Hyderabad on Friday following a prolonged illness. He was 67 and is survived by wife, three sons and three daughters.

– Kanan dead. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 22.

Kang, H.S.

H.S. Kang displayed good putting as he carded an impressive round of two-

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under 70 to clinch the Am-Am event of the Royal Challenge Samarvir Sahi Amteur Golf Championship at the Chandigarh Golf Club in Chandigarh on November 25.

– Kang clinches Am-Am title. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 22.

Kanjhla, Gobind Singh

The Punjab and Haryana HC on April 28 unseated an Independent MLA in Punjab. Declaring the election of Mr Gobind Singh Kanjhla, a former minister in the Parkash Singh Badal Government, from the Sherpur Assembly constituency in Sangrur district as void, Mr Justice M.M. Kumar upheld the allegation levelled by the petitioner that the MLA had indulged in corrupt practices to clinch the election.

– Kanjhla's election void. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 1.

A court in Sangrur on November 21 acquitted Mr Gobind Singh Kanjhla, MLA Sherpur, in a case filed against him for obstructing a public servant in discharge of public functions and violation of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act.

– Misbehaviour with cop: Court acquits Kanjhla. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 5.

Kanmadikar, Anant Wagesh

Former secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Anant Wagesh Kanmadikar died in Indore on August 15 following a massive heart attack. Kanmadikar was 80 and is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

– Ex-BCCI secretary Kanmadikar dead. *Tribune.* August 16, 2006: 18.

Kanshi Ram

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) founder Kanshi Ram died in New Delhi on October 9. He was 72. The Dalit leader suffered a paralytic stroke two years ago and remained bed-ridden at the official residence of his political heir and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati.

– Kanshi Ram passes away. *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006: 12.

The body of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) founder Kanshi Ram was consigned to flames with Buddhist rituals in New Delhi on October 9. The last rites were performed in the presence of his two brothers and sister.

– Kanshi Ram cremated as per Buddhist rituals. *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006: 12.

CM Mulayam Singh Yadav on October 9 described BSP founder Kanshi

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Ram as a leader of great political wisdom who had selflessly worked to challenge the status quo.

– Mulayam mourns Kanshi's death. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 2.

The Haryana Governor, Dr A.R. Kidwai, has expressed shock at the death of the founder of the Bahujan Samaj Party, Mr Kanshi Ram. Dr Kidwai said Mr Kanshi Ram emerged as the tallest leader among the Dalits after Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar and left an indelible mark on national politics.

– Kanshi Ram's death mourned. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 7.

Dalbara Singh, brother of late Kanshi Ram, on October 10 lodged a complaint with the police alleging that his brother was killed by former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati as part of a 'conspiracy'.

– Brother alleges Kanshi Ram was killed. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006: 2.

The family members of the founder of the BSP, Kanshi Ram, on October 12 demanded a CBI inquiry into death of the leader alleging that BPS supremo Mayawati was responsible for it.

– Kin demand probe into Kanshi Ram's death. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006:4.

Kapil Dev

The BCCI's claims of enhanced "professionalism" under the leadership of Sharad Pawar were exposed on October 12 when Kapil Dev admitted he had no idea about his role as the new Chairman of the National Cricket Academy. Kapil, who replaced Sunil Gavaskar at a recent BCCI AGM, said none of the BCCI officials had apprised him of his responsibilities.

– Kapil clueless on his role as NCA chief. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 20.

Former Indian cricket team captain Kapil Dev, was on Monday roped in as a corproate brand ambassador by Birla Sun Life Insurance.

– *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 17.

Kapilan, Jaya

Six-year-old Jaya Kapilan's feat in climbing a 330-foot telecom transmission tower in Dharmapuri recently has created a controversy. The district authorities said no permission was sought for the act nor was the fire service informed. The boy had climbed the tower without any protective gear.

– Boy courts controversy. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 1.

Kapoor, Anil

Terming as "harsh" the ban on release of Aamir Khan, Kajol starrer "Fanaa" in Gujarat, actor Anil Kapoor and filmmaker Govind Nihalani on May 27 said it amounted to curbing the freedom of creative expression of an artiste.

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"I have known Aamir for several years and, knowing him, I can say whatever he has done is with full conviction and because he strongly believes in the issue. However, banning the film just because he espoused a cause is totally condemnable," Anil Kapoor said.

– Anil Kapoor, Nihalani condemn 'Fanaa' ban. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 1.

Kapoor, Deepak (Lt-Gen)

Lt-Gen Deepak Kapoor, presently the GOC-in-C, of the Udhampur based Northern Command has been appointed as Vice-Chief of Army Staff at the Army Headquarters in New Delhi. He replaces Lt Gen S. Pattabhiraman who will retire next December 31.

– Gen Kapoor is new Army Vice-Chief. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 2.

Kapoor, Gaurav

The Police in Hamirpur on June 1 categorically denied that Swami Ramdev's stalker, Gaurav Kapoor, had links with any terrorist organisation.

– Gaurav granted bail. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006: 13.

Gaurav Kapoor, who was arrested by the police for sneaking into the camp of Swami Ramdev on the NIT campus in Hamirpur and granted bail by a local court on June 1, was released from jail this evening.

– Gaurav released. *Tribune.* June 03, 2006: 9.

Kapoor, Himani

Himani Kapoor has been flooded with playback singing offers in Bollywood after her performance in the Zee TV programme 'Sa-Re-Ga-Ma-Pa'.

– Himani flooded with Bollywood offers. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 7.

Kapoor, Jayesh

The telephone of 16-year-old Punjabi boy Jayesh Kapoor does not stop ringing. Right from the Governor of New Jersey and the Mayor of New York to other bigwigs, who matter in government structure in the USA, have felicitated him for attaining the ultimate rank of Eagle Scout, which is a rare distinction for the students who enroll as Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

– Punjabi boy wins kudos in New Jersey. *Tribune.* September 09, 2006: 3.

Kapur, Neha

The National Institute of Fashion Design has added another plume to its cap by going international with a strategic tie-up with the Los Angles Design

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Academy. The recently crowned Femina Miss India Universe 2006, Neha Kapur, will be specially visiting Chandigarh to formally launch this new international face of National Institute of Fashion Design (NIFD).

– Miss India Universe to launch NIFD's global look. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 3.

Karan Singh (Dr)

Concerned with the fast deteriorating political situation in the neighbouring Himalaya Kingdom, India on April 18 decided to send senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member, Dr Karan Singh, to Nepal on April 19 as the Special Envoy of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to convey a "firm" message to King Gyanendra for starting a "meaningful" dialogue with the political parties before the Maoists take control of the ongoing protest movement.

– Karan Singh to go as PM's envoy to Nepal. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 1.

Prime Minister's Special Envoy Karan Singh on April 20 expressed hope that King Gyanendra would make an "announcement" shortly on the political crisis there.

– Karan Singh returns with hope. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 1.

Culture is the third instrument of foreign policy and it must be effectively used as a tool for projecting India's image globally, says Indian Council for Cultural Relations President Dr Karan Singh. India is rich in arts, culture, music and dance. Yet, this instrument has not yet been put into action, laments Dr Singh.

– Cultural diplomacy needs a big thrust, says Karan Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* September 24, 2006: 12.

Karan Singh

A former minister and a senior BJP leader, Mr Karan Singh, tendered his resignation from the Himachal Pradesh State BJP executive committee on September 5 in protest against the appointment of party returning officers (ROs) in the Banjar Mandal in this district.

– BJP leader quits panel in protest. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 15.

Karandikar, Vinda

Veteran Marathi poet Vinda Karandikar has been chosen for the prestigious 39th Jnanpith Award. The selection board, headed by Mr L.M. Singhvi, which met on January 7, decided to confer the award on 87-year-old Karandikar.

– Jnanpith Award for Marathi poet. *Tribune.* January 09, 2006: 2.

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Vinda Karandikar, a Marathi poet known for daring experimentation and aesthetic refinement, received the 39th Jnanpith Award from President .P.J. Abdul Kalam in New Delhi on August 10.

– Jnanpith Award for Marathi poet Karandikar. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006:2.

Karat, Brinda

CPM politburo member and Rajya Sabha MP, Brinda Karat on January 7 said attempts were being made to deflect attention from the core issue of violation of labour laws at the Ayurveda Pharmacy run by Ramdev. "Both the Uttaranchal Government and the Central Government must intervene so that there is no violation of the labour law as well as the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940," she said.

– Labour law core issue in Ramdev case: Brinda. *Sunday Tribune.* January 08, 2006: 2.

Ms Brinda Karat, alleged corruption was being indulged in by sarpanches and officials concerned in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005, in Hoshiarpur district.

– Brinda Karat flays govt for acquiring land for industry. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 6.

Karat, Prakash

Initiating a debate on the need to reform the EC, CPM general secretary Prakash Karat on August 30 sought a constitutional amendment on the modalities of appointment and removal of the Election Commissioners and to make them accountable for their "omissions and commissions".

– Karat seeks amendment for EC reforms. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 2.

The role and functioning of the Election Commission has been questioned by CPM general secretary Prakash Karat, while criticising the defence put out by the BJP in favour of the poll panel.

– Karat questions EC's role. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 2.

Taking strong exception to the UPA Government's continued policy tilt towards Washington, CPM general secretary Prakash Karat has asked the Government to disassociate itself from the US-led disgraceful enterprise of promoting democracy in the world.

– Disscociate from US, says Karat. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 2.

Karmakar, K.G. (Dr)

Dr K.G. Karmakar, at present Executive Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard), has been appointed as its Managing Director.

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– Nabard MD. *Tribune.* May 08, 2006: 17.

Karnik, Kiran

National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) President Kiran Karnik said on February 9 that the Indian software industry was on course to reach a target of $60 billion in sales by 2010. India's software exports totalled $17.7 billion in last fiscal year.

– *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 17.

Karora, Balbir Singh (Dr)

Dr Balbir Singh Karora, an ayurvedic doctor from Kaithal district, has been appointed Commissioner of the Disability Commission of Haryana. Dr Karora, a physically challenged person, has substantial experience in the field of rehabilitation of persons with disability.

– Karora is disability panel chief. *Tribune.* May 25, 2006: 7.

Kartar Singh

President of the Punjab Wrestling Association, Kartar Singh termed the conduct of the National Wrestling Championship at Nidani (Haryana) from March 31 to April 3, as "illegal and bogus".

– Kartar disputes holding of nationals. *Sunday Tribune.* April 02, 2006: 23.

Kartar Singh

The former Director, Sports, Punjab, won the gold medal — for a mind-boggling 11th time — at the 15th World Veteran Wrestling Championship at Riga, Latvia, held from August 4 to 6. In the process he also broke the championship record.

– Kartar's golden streak continues. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 18.

Karunakaran, K.

The ruling Left Democratic Front in Kerala expelled the Nationalist Congress party from its fold, which has left the old war horse and former Chief Minister K. Karunakaran once again in a bind. Karunakaran's Democratic Indira Congress had merged with the NCP. The move has virtually thrown Karunakaran into the back-waters.

– Karunakaran's nightmare. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 11.

Kashani, Nazir Ahmed

The moderate faction in the Jamait-e-Islami, headed by Mr Nazir Ahmed Kashani, has hit back at hardliners by expelling 13 supporters of Mr Syed Ali Shah Geelani from the membership of the organisation.

– Kashani expels 13 Geelani men. *Tribune.* July 29, 2006: 6.

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Kashyap, Gopal Krishan

In a significant statement which could have far reaching political consequences, Mr Jagmeet Brar, special invitee, Congress Working Committee (CWC), on January 27 alleged that Gopal Krishan Kashyap, a Congress worker and President, Rajiv Gandhi Parontha Rehri Union, Patiala, committed suicide after he was harassed by a section of member of "close circle" of CM Amarinder Singh. Making this disclosure while addressing the mediapersons after visiting the house of the bereaved family on January 27 afternoon, Mr Brar said he would apprise the party president, Ms Sonia Gandhi, and the PM, Dr Manmohan Singh, the facts, which led Kashyap to self-immolate and which were told to him by his family.

– Chahal responsible for Gopal's death: Jagmeet. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 6.

Kashyap, P.

Twenty-year-old P. Kashyap pulled off a major upset, drubbing world no. 19 Przemyslaw Wacha of Poland to storm into the men's singles prequarter-finals at the Hong Kong Open Badminton championships on August 30.

– Kashyap causes upset, Saina loses. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 19.

Kashyap, Subhash C.

For the first time in the history of Indian Parliament, the Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha has recommended admonition of its own former Secretary-General, Subhash C. Kashyap for his "reckless and irresponsible" behaviour for casting serious aspersions on Speaker Somnath Chatterjee.

– LS panel recommends admonition of Kashyap. *Tribune.* May 20, 2006:2.

The Lok Sabha on May 23 admonished its former Secretary-General Subhash C. Kashyap for "gross breach of privilege" and "contempt of the House" for his "reckless" remarks against Speaker Somnath Chatterjee.

– Lok Sabha admonishes ex-Secy Gen Kashyap. *Tribune.* May 24, 2006:2.

The BJP on May 23 sought to turn the table on the ruling UPA Government by asking its four BJP members of Lok Sabha's Privileges Committee to resign from it in protest against the admonition of former Secretary-General Subhash C. Kashyap and said the party was also contemplating similar withdrawal from other committees and even a no-confidence motion against Speaker Somnath Chatterjee.

– BJP MPs quit on Kashyap issue. *Tribune.* May 24, 2006: 22.

Kasliwal, Abishek

The Bhoiwada Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Mumbai on March 13

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sentenced Abishek Kasliwal, a prominent textile mill owner, to police custody till March 17 for allegedly raping a woman on March 12 morning.

– Kasliwal in police custody till March 17. *Tribune.* March 14, 2006: 20.

Kathunangal, Sawinder Singh

The ruling Congress on August 1 suffered a big jolt when a local court awarded three years sentence to Mr Sawinder Singh Kathunangal , a Majitha MLA and Chairman, Punjab Food Agro Corproation, and five others each, in an old land case, in Amritsar.

– Cong MLA awarded three-year sentence. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 5.

In a setback to the Congress, Mr Sawinder Singh Kathunangal, along with five others, were arrested in an old land grab case in Amritsar on December 11 following the rejection of his appeal by the sessions court. Mr Kathunangal immediately resigned both as MLA as well as PFAC chairman.

– Cong MLA's sentence upheld, quits. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006:1.

The medical board, constituted by the Senior Medical Officer, has recommended shifting of Sawinder Singh Kathunangal, a ruling party MLA, from the local Civil Hospital to the intensive care unit (ICU) of Guru Nanak Dev Hospital. Kathunangal, who was sent to the local Central Jail in a forgery case, was shifted to the Civil hospital on December 11.

– Kathunangal to be shifted to ICU. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 18.

Katiyar, Vinay

The BJP on April 18 decided to field party general secretary and Rajya Sabha member Vinay Katiyar against Congress President Sonia Gandhi in the byelection to the Rae Bareli Lok Sabha seat on May 8.

– BJP to field Vinay Katiyar against Sonia. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006:2.

Mr Katiyar made his intentions clear on April 18 when he declared that he would focus on this issue with his slogan "Videshi bhabhi, desi devar." Not only does he represent the Hindutva face of the BJP but also as a forceful speaker, the former MP from Faizabad has the ability to whip up passions with his vitriolic speeches.

– It will be videshi bhahhi vs desi devar, says Katiyar. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 2.

The police has registered an FIR against senior BJP leaders Vinay Katiyar and Sahib Singh Verma. The police said the case had been registered following the speech of the leaders in a rally in which they had announced a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh for any civilian who killed a terrorist and Rs 2 lakh for the kin of the civilian killed in an encounter with ultras.

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– Katiyar, Sahib Singh booked. *Sunday Tribune.* June 11, 2006: 6.

Katoch, D.C. (Brig)

Brigadier D.C. Katoch on January 5 took over as Deputy Director-General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) at Chandigarh on January 5. He will be responsible for the functioning of the Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh NCC Directorate. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, he was commissioned into the Armoured Regiment in 1971.

– New Deputy DG, NCC, takes over. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 3.

Katoch, Rajinder Singh

With the Centre clearing the name of Mr Rajinder Singh Katoch, at present head the Human Resource Department in the Hardwar unit of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), for the post of Director (Personnel) in the Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN), the state may have to contend with the post of executive director in the joint venture company.

– Rajinder Katoch is Director, Personnel, SJVN. *Tribune.* July 06, 2006:9.

Katwal, Surender Mohan

Former Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Subordinate Service Selection Board, Surender Mohan Katwal was on December 31 sentenced for three-year imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10,000 was imposed on him under the Prevention of Corruption Act for tampering with the results for the appointment of the Vidya Upasaks in 2001.

– 3-year jail for ex-chairman of Himachal board. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006: 1.

A court in Hamirpur on August 28 sentenced former Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Board (HPSSEB) S.M. Katwal to three years' rigorous imprisonment in a case pertaining to irregularities in the selection of trained graduate teachers (TGTs) during the previous BJP regime.

– Ex-HPSSB chairman gets 3-year jail term. *Tribune.* August 29, 2006:9.

Katyal, J.C. (Dr)

Dr J.C. Katyal, Deputy Director-General in the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, is likely to be the new Vice-Chancellor of Choudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar.

– J.C. Katyal may be HAU Vice-Chancellor. *Tribune.* February 02, 2006:7.

The Haryana Agricultural University (HAU) Vice-chancellor, Dr J.C. Katyal, has been conferred with the Punjab and Haryana Ratan Award in recognition

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of his talent and distinguished service.

– Award for HAU VC. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 7.

Kaul, Anil (Col)

The BCCI on November 9 sought to distance itself from Col Anil Kaul's sensational revelation that Pakistani pacer, Shoaib Akhtar had slapped coach Bob Woolmer during the Champions Trophy.

– BCCI distances itself from Kaul. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 18.

Kaul, Deepak

Pakistan on August 5 expelled a key Indian diplomat in the Indian High Commission in Islamabad, Counsellor (Consular) Deepak Kaul, on charges of espionage. New Delhi quickly paid back in the same coin, expelling a Pakistani diplomat in New Delhi of the same rank, Syed Mohammed Rafiq Ahmed on similar charges.

– India, Pak expel diplomats. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006: 1

The expelled diplomat, Mr Deepak Kaul, a visa counsellor at the Indian High Commission, Islamabad on August 7 returned to his homeland, through Wagah Joint Check Post, a few hours before the deadline, fixed by Pakistan. Distressed over being handcuffed, blindfolded and detained for several hours, Mr Kaul denied that any document was seized from him by Pakistani officials.

– Deepak Kaul returns before deadline. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 5.

Kaul Singh

Mr Kaul Singh, Irrigation and Public Health Minister, has dismissed the inquiry conducted by a five-member committee of the BJP into the alleged irregularities in the widening of the Sauhal-Drambla road as "farce and "politically motivated," and asserted that the Government would go by the report of the probe being conducted by the Chief Engineer.

– Kaul Singh rubbishes inquiry report. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 13.

Kavitark Ram Shriram

Indian-Americans are not just climbing the corporate ladder but also taking the elevator to the richie rich club, leaving behind many US corporate moguls, including those from Starbucks, eBay and Motorola. Google Inc. founder-director Kavitark Ram Shriram and Bose Corporation Chairman Amar Gopal Bose have both moved up the rankings in the list of Forbes' 400 richest Americans.

– 2 Indians shine in Forbes list of richest Americans. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 19.

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Kejriwal, Arvind

Founder of the Delhi-based Parivartan citizen's movement, Arvind Kejriwal (38) is being conferred the 2006 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership, in recognition of his activating India's right-to-information movement at the grasroots, empowering New Delhi's poorest citizens to fight corruption by holding government accountable to the people, the organisers said in a citation.

– Magsaysay Award for Kejriwal. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 1.

Arvind Kejriwal, is a worried man. The Government's decision to amend the Right to Information (RTI Act) has proved to be a killjoy. And the mood is far frm joyous for this IRS official, who put in his papers earlier this year.

– Fighting to save the Right to Information. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 13.

Keshavan, Shiva

India's luge athlete, Shiva Keshavan also boycotted the valedictory ceremony of 2006 Winter Olympic Games after missing its inauguration on being dumped as the country's flag-bearer at the last minute, at Turin.

– Shiv Keshavan boycotts Olympic closing ceremony. *Tribune.* February 27, 2006: 18.

Kewal Kumar

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked the DGP, Punjab, to nominate an officer to inquire into the complaint filed by one Hans Raj, levelling serious allegations of fraud, cheating, threats of intimidation and registration of false cases against Mr Kewal Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Majitha, and his son, Kumar Amit.

– DGP asked to probe charges against SP. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 4.

Khajuria, Ashok

Mr Ashok Khajuria, a member of the national executive of the BJP, is set to be declared as the new chief of the party in Jammu and Kahsmir as he was the only one to file his papers for the post till the expiry of the period in Jammu on November 7.

– Khajuria set to head BJP. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006: 6.

Khan, Aamir

Actor Aamir Khan has served a legal notice on a prominent city newspaper, its publisher and two others seeking compensation of Rs 21 crore for using his photograph and quote, without his permission, in an advertisement to promote 'Filmfare Awards' held on February 26.

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– Aamir claims Rs 21 cr from newspaper. *Tribune.* February 27, 2006: 16.

Youth Congress workers on April 14 stalled the screening of Aamir Khan movie "Rang De Basanti" in Vadodara after the Bollywood actor extended support to the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA), which has opposed the raising of the height of the Sardar Sarovar dam across the river.

– YC workers stall movie. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 2.

Bollywood star Aamir Khan along with his two "Rang De Basanti" co-stars on April 14 sat at the Jantar Mantar to express solidarity with Bhopal gas tragedy survivors and Narmada Bachao Andolan activists and "awaken the middle class" about the two environment and human rights related issues.

– 'Rang De Basanti' stars join NBA, Bhopal protesters. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 2.

Venting their ire against filmstar Aamir Khan for supporting Medha Patkar's Namada Bachao Andolan (NBA), BJP and Congress activists on April 15 staged separate demonstrations and burnt the posters of his latest movie 'Rang De Basanti'.

– Protests against Aamir. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 8.

Bollywood star Aamir Khan, whose latest film 'Fanaa' is not being screened in Gujarat because of his support to the demand of rehabilitation of people affected by the Sardar Sarovar dam, on May 25 said he would not apologise for his statement.

– Actor says he will not apologise. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 2.

Aamir Khan under fire from the BJP for his call to ensure proper rehabilitation of tribals ousted by the Narmada dam project has received support from Hrithik Roshan.

– Hrithik backs Aamir, flays Modi. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 2.

Khan, Asad Ali (Ustad)

There are a few devoted musicians religiously engaged in nurturing and preserving the pristine purity of our rich cultural heritage and such trend was never a deterred to the acclaimed Ustad Asad Ali Khan, the leading Rudra Veena exponent.

– Sole exponent of Rudra Veena. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 3.

Khan, Aslam Sher

Former union minister and ex-Olympian, Aslam Sher Khan on March 29 announced his resignation from the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) selection committee.

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– Aslam quits IHF selection committee. *Tribune.* March 30, 2006: 21.

Khan, Bismillah (Ustad)

Shahnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan released a monograph on himself on his 91st birthday in Varanasi on March 25.

– *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 24.

Ustad Bismillah Khan succumbed to a massive heart attack at the ICU unit of Heritage Hospital at 2.20 a.m. on August 21 just when his family and countless fans were hoping that he would pull through his illness. He was admitted to the hospital on August 17 after old age related fatigue was compounded by his refusal to take any nourishment.

– Bismillah Khan is no more. *Tribune.* August 22, 2006:1.

Khan, Feroze

Veteran Bollywood actor Feroz Khan's comments highlighting the comfort levels of Muslims in India in comparison to that in Pakistan set off a heated verbal exchange between him and a local compere during the premiere of 'Taj Mahal' in Lahore.

– Feroz Khan's comments in Pakistan kick off row. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 11.

President Pervez Musharraf has banned veteran Bollywood actor, Feroze Khan from entering Pakistan after his reported remarks highlighting comfort levels of Muslims in India in comparison to that in Pakistan triggered a nationwide controversy. Feroze Khan's reported remarks during the premiere of his brother Akbar Khan's film 'Taj Mahal' in Lahore last month set off a heated verbal exchange between him and a local compere. "I am a proud Indian. India is a secular country. Muslims there are making lot of progress. Our President is a Muslim, Prime Minister a Sikh. Pakistan was made in the name of Islam but look how the Muslims are killing each other. I have not come in Karachi on my own. I was invited to come. Our films are so powerful that your government could not stop them for long," he was quoted as saying by a Pakistan daily last month.

– Feroze Khan barred from entering Pak. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 22.

Khan, Saif Ali

Actor Saif Ali Khan on January 10 appeared before the Customs Department in Mumbai to answer the charges of duty evasion on imported car, Toyota Lexus.

– Saif appears before Customs Department. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006:1.

General Motors India on March 2 said it has signed on leading Bollywood

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stars Saif ali Khan and Rani Mukherji to endorse its midsized sedan Chevrolet Aveo.

– 'Hum Tum' couple to endorse Chevrolet Avero. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 17.

Khan, Salman

Bollywood star Salman Khan was on February 17 sentenced to one year imprisonment and fined Rs 5,000 by a court in Jodhpur after finding him guilty of killing a chinkara, a rare species, at Bhavad village in this Rajasthan district in 1998.

– Salman sentenced to one year imprisonment. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006:1.

Charges were framed on February 27 against film actors Salman Khan and others by the Judicial Magistrate Dalpat Singh Raj Purohit in Jodhpur in a blackbuck poaching case.

– Charges framed against Salman, six others. *Tribune.* February 28, 2006:1.

In a setback to film actor Salman Khan, the Supreme Court on March 6 declined to entertain his plea in connection with a case relating to black-buck hunting registered against him and four other Bollywood stars.

– Salman's plea not entertained. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 2.

Bollywood actor Salman Khan on March 10 got a reprieve with a sessions court in Jodhpur staying the one-year imprisonment awarded to him by a Chief Judicial Magistrate in a 1998 'chinkara' poaching case.

– Salman's sentence stayed. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 1.

Bollywood heartthrob Salman Khan was on April 10 in further trouble with a local court sentencing him to five-year rigorous imprisonment and sending him to the Central Jail in Jodhpur after holding him guilty of killing a rare buck.

– Salman gets 5 yrs for poaching. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 1.

A local court on April 13 granted bail to filmstar Salman Khan in the chinkara killing case and suspended his five-year sentence. The court also ordered Salman to deposit two bail amounts of Rs 1 lakh each and a surety of Rs 1 lakh apart from the penalty amount of Rs 25,000.

– Salman Khan granted bail. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 1.

A local court on June 26 issued a notice to Bollywood actor Salman Khan filling a false affidavit in connection with his gun licence in the illegal arms case. The prosecution says Salman had filed a report before Mumbai police

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saying he has lost his gun licence. But actually went ahead and filed an application for renewal for his licence in Mumbai sometime later. The prosecution now wants a case of perjury against Salman under Section 340 of the Indian Penal Code.

– Notice to Salman for 'misleading court'. *Tribune.* June 27, 2006: 1.

Khan, Shah Rukh

ICICI Bank Limited, India's second largest bank, on January 9 signed up Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan as its global brand ambassador. Shah Rukh image and popularity with the NRI segment will further reinforce ICICI Bank's global Identity, the bank said in a statement.

– *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 17.

Shah Rukh Khan is set to once again step in the shoes of Amitabh Bachchan after "Don." Shah Rukh will host the new edition of "Kaun Banega Crorepati", to be aired soon on Star Plus, sources in the channel have said.

– Shah Rukh is new host of KBC. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 1.

He added that: "With all humility I would like to add that I will try to do this show in my own style and all I ask is that you allow me to do this and enjoy it for that."

– 'I'll anchor KBC in my style'. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 1.

Khan, Shamim

Shamim Khan sailed past Vinod Kumar to win the Rs 12-lakh SRF All-India Matchplay Golf Championship, which was his maiden title, at the Delhi Golf Club course in New Delhi on April 15. In an all-Delhi-title clash, Shamim recorded a 3 and 2 win in the 36-hole final to fetch a cash prize of Rs 2,57,200, while Vinod pocketed Rs 1,25,000.

– Shamim wins title. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 22.

Khan, Zaheer

BCCI has given its go ahead to left-arm pacer Zaheer Khan to play for Worcestershire where the Baroda seamer was signed up as a replacement for Australian left-arm bowler Nathan Bracken.

– Zaheer Khan. *Tribune.* March 29,2006: 22.

Khanna, Arvind

The Congress MLA from Sangrur, Mr Arvind Khanna, against whom the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had recenlty launched an investigation with regard to funds from abroad, has been mostly staying away from the Punjab Assembly sessions.

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– Arvind Khanna has been mostly absent from House. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006:3.

Khanna, Avinash Rai

The President of the Punjab unit of the BJP, Mr Avinash Rai Khanna, will continue to head the party till the elections in the state and all reports regarding any change at the top were baseless, confirmed the National General Secretary of the party, Mr Harjit Singh Grewal.

– Avinash to stay BJP president. *Tribune.* June 20, 2006: 5.

An unsavoury situation arose at the Rajasansi International Airport when Mr Navjot Sidhu, a Member of Parliament from Amritsar, and Mr Avinash Rai Khanna, state BJP chief, entered into a verbal duel after seeing off the national party president, Mr Rajnath Singh, in Amritsar on November 14 evening.

– Navjot, BJP chief in 'verbal duel'. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 5.

Khanna, Iqbal Singh

The SGPC on January 18 appointed new media adviser, Mr Iqbal Singh Khanna, replacing Mr Harbir Singh Bhanwar, at an executive meeting, presided over by Mr Avtar Singh, president, SGPC, in Amritsar on January 18.

– SGPC appoints new media adviser. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 15.

Khanna, Shruti

Although old favourite Shruti Khanna of Indian Oil led the field returning a one-over card of 73, Sharmila was breathing down her neck just one stroke behind,. Fourteen-year-old Laverry Kumar and 17-year-old Meghna Bal finished with cards of 75 and 76, respectively, setting the stage for some exciting competition in the next three days.

– Shruti leads on day one. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006: 19.

Khare, V.N. (Justice)

In a shocking disclosure, Justice R.C. Lahoti, a former Chief Justice of India (CJI) on December 24 laid the blame for the mass one day casual leave by 25 Judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in April 2004 at the doors of Justice V.N. Khare, the Chief Justice of India at the time of the incident.

– CJI didn't resolve tussle: Lahoti. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 1.

Kharinta, Arvind

The president of the local Municipal Council, Mr Arvind Kharinta, had to relinguish his post as a no confidence motion was passed against him at a

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council meeting in Hisar on August 11.

- No-trust motion against MC chief passed. *Sunday Tribune.* August 13, 2006: 7.

Khatri, Mukesh

Greco-Roman wrestler Mukesh Khatri, who tested positive for a banned drug recently, has sought to give a new twist to the dope scandal by suggesting that the Sports Authority of India had bungled with his sample while conducting the test.

- SAI bungled my samples, says Khatri. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 23.

Khera, Rohan

Continuing with the winning spree, a city student has been chosen to represent India at the International Biology Olympiad to be held in Argentina. Rohan Khera, son of a renowned doctor from Pinjore, had recently brought laurels to the city when he attained the fifth position in India in the CBSE PMT.

- Chandigarh boy selected for Biology Olympiad. *Tribune.* June 12, 2006:3.

Khera, Shiv

A section of students in Jawaharlal Nehru University have strongly objected to the comments made by motivation guru Shiv Khera against former President K.R. Narayanan. "Shiv Khera came on the campus last week and spoke derogatorily about the former President, late K.R. Narayanan, who was from the reserved section. He said the former President made a lot of money, which he couldn't even count and his children have benefitted from the reservation policy, whereas they didn't need quotas".

- Pro-quota students to sue Shiv Khera. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 22.

Kherawala, M.H.

Ms M.H. Kherawala took over as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes on January 1. A 1969 batch IRS officer, she succeeds Mr M.S. Darda, who retired on superannuation on December 31. Prior to this appointment, Ms Kherawala was Member (Legislation) in the CBDT.

- Kherawala takes over as CBDT Chairman. *Tribune.* January 02, 2006:2.

Khiamniungan, L. Palang

Unidentified gunmen on December 16 shot dead the self-styled Education Kilonser (minister) of the Federal Government of Nagaland (FGN) L Palang Khiamniungan near the Nagaland Assembly Secretariat in Kohima. The gunmen, allegedly belonging to the NSCN (IM) ultras, came on foot and shot him twice on head and chest, killing him on the spoot.

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– Naga leader shot dead. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 2.

Khosla, Priyanka

The tagline is about "training a smarter India" and at the helm of this new affair is NIFD Director, Priyanka Khosla. As the Managing Director of Flying Cats (Cosmo Airthostess Training School), the venture promises to be a perfect blend of grooming for aviation, travel and tourism and the hospitality industries.

– NIFD Director launches airhostess academy. *Tribune.* February 22, 2006: 3.

Khurana, Madan Lal

Former Delhi Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Madan Lal Khurana was on March 19 suspended from the primary membership of the party hours after he announced his plans to attend expelled party leader Uma Bharati's March 21 rally in New Delhi. A BJP spokesman said that party President Rajnath Singh took the decision to suspend Mr Khurana for his "anti-party activities."

– BJP suspends Khurana. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006: 1.

Former Delhi Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana on March 20 accused BJP President Rajnath Singh of working under the influence of a "coterie" close to senior leader L.K. Advani but made it clear that he was not joining Uma Bharati's party.

– Khurana accuses Rajnath of being controlled by Advani's 'coterie'. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 2.

Once again Mr Madan Lal Khurana is in the doghouse. He has been suspended for announcing his decision to attend Ms Uma Bharti's rally on Tuesday. His statement a few days earlier that the greatest political folly he committed was to follow Mr L.K. Advani's advice and resign from the chief ministership of Delhi could not have been to the liking of the party leadership. However, this does not constitute behaviour deviant enough to attract summary suspension. The party could have waited to figure out what exactly Mr Khurana had up his sleeve when he decided to join the sanyasin's rally.

– BJP's creed — Intolerance. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 10.

Former Delhi Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana on March 25 declared that he would launch a movement backed by expelled leader Uma Bharti next month to revive what he termed vanishing "Parivar" tradition in the

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BJP and also rebutted reports that he was hoping the party would revoke his suspension.

– Khurana to launch separate front. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 2.

Khurana, Raj

Senior Congress leader Raj Khurana, sitting MLA from Rajpura and a Vice-President of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after quitting his positions in the PPCC and the Vidhan Sabha. The announcement which was kept secret by BJP leadership till afternoon, was made by senior BJP leader. Arun Jaitley.

– PPCC vice-chief Khurana joins BJP. *Tribune.* December 27, 2006: 4.

Khush, Gurdev Singh (Dr)

Dr Gurdev Singh Khush, eminent agricultural scientist, who served for several years at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, will be honoured with Dr Amrik Singh Cheema Award on October 1 at the kisan mela at Rakhra, near Patiala, by the Young Farmers Association, Punjab.

– Dr Khush to be honoured. *Sunday Tribune.* September 24, 2006: 4.

Dr Gurdev Singh Khush, in Rakhra (Patiala) on September 24 called upon farmers to use the underground water with restraint to save the state from becoming another Rajasthan.

– Dr Khush to meet PM for biotech institute in Punjab. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 3.

Khushboo

South Indian film and television star Khushboo on February 15 slapped a legal notice claiming Rs 3 crore as damages from a London-based magazine that published an admittedly morphed photograph showing her in a bikini in its inaugural India edition last month.

– Actress Khushboo claims Rs 3 crore as damages. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 2.

Khushwant Pal Singh

After inquiring into charges of misconduct and moral turpitude against a Superintendent of Police (SP) during the elections in Gujarat for over four years, the Punjab Government has retired him compulsorily. According to sources, charges against him were that he had lost an AK 47 rifle and had "travelled and stayed with a woman of ill repute" while on duty.

– SP Khushwant Pal Singh retired for misconduct. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 3.

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Khushwant Singh

The Canadian High Commission in Delhi on February 20 gave a rare felicitation to Khushwant Singh on his long and eventful writing career which had its inception in the years he spent in Canada as a young diplomat at the Indian High Commission.

– Canadian High Commission felicitates Khushwant. *Tribune.* February 21, 2006: 2.

The Governor of Haryana and Chancellor of MDU, Dr A.R. Kidwai, conferred the degree of D.Litt *Honoris Causa* on Dr C. Rangarajan and noted writer Khushwant Singh.

– Need to maintain growth momentum: Rangarajan. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 7.

The Punjab Government will honour noted columnist and former Member of Parliament Khushwant Singh with Punjab Rattan award at a special ceremony to be held in New Delhi on August 31. This award is being conferred upon him in recognition of his contribution to jounalism and literature.

– Punjab Rattan for Khushwant. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006: 8.

Leading media persons and intellectuals from Pakistan will join a galaxy of personalities from the field of art, culture and literature on August 31 when Punjab Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, will honour Khushwant Singh, eminent writer and journalist, with the Punjab Rattan Award. Khushwant Singh was awarded the Padam Bhushan in 1974. Khushwant Singh was a Member of the Rajya Sabha, from 1980 to 1986.

– Khushwant to get Punjab Rattan Award. *Tribune.* August 29, 2006:5.

Mr Khushwant Singh, who was honoured in New Delhi on August 31 with the Punjab Rattan award by the CM, Capt Amarinder Singh, said that Indian languages were rich in terms related to "joint family, the tradition of blessing and fould words" but suffered a shortage of vocabulary in areas such as medicine, science and diplomacy.

– Khushwant Singh given Punjab "Rattan award. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 2.

Kidwai, A.R. (Dr)

The President of India, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, has given additional charge of Administrator of the National Capital Territory of Delhi to Dr A.R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana, during the leave period of Mr B.L. Joshi, Lieutenant-Governor of the National Capital Territory.

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– Additional charge for Kidwai. *Tribune*. August 19, 2006: 6.

Kidwai, Naina Lal

Britain's HSBC Holdings Plc said on March 23 it has appointed Ms Naina Lal Kidwai, as Chief Executive and Country Head of the Bank's Indian operations. Kidwai will replace Niall Booker on May 5, who will move to Dubai as Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of HSBC Bank West Asia, the Bank said in a statement.

– *Tribune*. March 24, 2006: 2.

Ms Naina Lal Kidwai, appointed CEO of HSBC India in May, is likely to step down as a Director from the Board of Nestle SA, following an RBI communication to the Bank that she cannot continue to hold both posts.

– Naina Lal may quit as Director in Nestle SA. *Tribune*. August 16, 2006: 17.

Three Indian women, ICICI Bank Deputy Managing Director Chanda Kochhar, HSBC India CEO Naina Lal Kidwai and Biocon head Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, have been named among the world's 50 most powerful businesswomen by the *Fortune* magazine.

– 3 Indian women on global power list. *Tribune*. October 12, 2006: 1.

Kidwai, Yogita

Yogita Kidwai, one of the trio who intruded the high security zone around the Prime Minister's residence about 10 day sago causing a security scare, landed into fresh trouble on August 9 with the Delhi Police registering a case of forgery against her.

– Forgery case against Yogita. *Tribune*. August 10, 2006: 2.

Kinkri Devi

Following the publication of a report on the plight of Kinkri Devi, who waged a long-drawn battle against the limestone quarrying mafia in a remote village of Himachal Pradesh, help has started pouring in for her. A US-based organisation has announced to help her after *The Tribune* carried the report, "Fight, a byword for Kinkri Devi", on February 23.

– Kinkri Devi gets help from USA. *Tribune*. February 24, 2006: 9.

Kiranjit Kaur

Maharashtra and Mizoram girl wrestlers dominated the mat as they claimed three gold medals each in the first National Inter-School Games at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Stadium in Ferozepore on November 28. Punjab bagged two gold medals through Kiranjit Kaur and Amanjeet Kaur in the 34 kg and 44 kg categories, respectively.

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– School games: Punjab bag two gold. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006:19.

Kirpal Singh (Prof)

The catalogue, revised and edited by Prof Kirpal Singh from Punjabi University, Patiala, was released by Tamil Nadu Governor Surjit Singh Barnala on May 27. While lauding the genrosity of Dr Nirankari and Dr Madanjit Kaur, Mr Barnala spoke of the lofty purpose of this exercise.

– Sikh scholars donate rare manuscripts for posterity. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 3.

Kishan Shrikanth

A 10-year-old actor in the Kannada film industry, Kishan Shrikanth, popularly known as Master Kishan, has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for becoming the youngest film director-ever with his movie "C/O Footpath", The earlier record was held by a New Zealand boy, Sydney Ling, who had directed a feature film at the age of 13 in 1973.

– At 10, Kishan is world's youngest film director. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 19.

Kithan, Theckano

Ms Theckano Kithan, whose first book of poetry was released by the Haryana Chief Secretary, Mr Prem Prashant, in Chandigarh on September 17, said the book was a tribute to the people of Haryana. She was born in Nagaland, studied in Nagaland and Shillong, and then landed up in Haryana after getting married to Mr Mhathung Kithan, an IAS officer of Haryana. It was an interesting journey for her which influenced her creativity a great deal.

– Haryana CS releases book of poems. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 3.

Kochhar, Chanda

The RBI Governor, Dr Y.V. Reddy, presents the IDRBT Banking Technology Excellence Award to ICCI Bank Executive Director Chanda Kochhar in Hyderabad on September 2. Dr Reddy said India was set to achieve a growth rate of 7.5 to 8 per cent during this fiscal year and there was no need for any review of the projections.

– *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 21.

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– 3 Indian women on global power list. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 1.

Kochhar, Rajesh (Prof)

Prof. Rajesh Kochhar, former Director of the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies, has been selected by the Allhabad-based National Academy of Sciences, India, for its prestigious R.C. Gupta Endowment History of Science Lecture Award. The award carries a medal, a citation and a cash prize of Rs 10000.

– Academy honour for Prof Kochhar. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 16.

Koda, Madhu

Jharkhand Governor Syed Sibtey Razi has invited Mr Madhu Koda to form the next government, asking him to prove his majority on the floor of the House on or before September 25.

– No easy going for Koda. *Tribune.* September 16, 206: 1.

Madhu Koda (35), leader of the ruling UPA coalition, in Ranchi was sworn in as the first Independent Chief Minister of Jharkhand on September 18.

– Koda takes over reins of Jharkhand. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006:2.

The UPA Ministry in Jharkhand led by Madhu Koda on September 20 won the vote of confidence 41-1 with the lone CPI-ML (Lib) MLA voting against the motion while the opposition NDA refused to participate in the process, alleging that the officiating Speaker has no power to conduct the trust vote.

– Koda wins trust vote. *Tribune.* September 21, 2006: 2.

His victory notwithstanding, Mr Koda has to walk a tightrope in running the affairs of the State. In the 82-member House (including the officiating speaker and a nominated member), he has a majority of only two members. Keeping the flock of 41 members in good humour would indeed be a challenge for the young chief minister. His immediate task is to expand his council of ministers. And this is going to be his first test.

– Koda's troubles. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 12.

Kohli, Neeraj

Having won the international contest for planning a colony on the Mars organised by NASA recenlty, Neeraj Kohli, a student of the JP University of Information Technology in Shimla has once again brought laurels to his Institute as he has been selected to represent India at the International Astronautical Congress-2006 to be held in Spain from October 2 to 6.

– HP boy to attend Spain astronautical congress. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006:9.

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Kohli, Sardara Singh

Former Akali Minister, Sardara Singh Kohli passed away at his residence in Patiala on December 18 evening. He was 88. Sardara Singh Kohli remained a two-time MLA from Patiala and was also president of the Patiala Municipal Committee from 1964 to 1966. He remained the State PWD Minister during the Lachman Singh Government from 1967 to 1970. He is survived by his son, former Akali Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Kohli, and a daughter.

– Ex-minister S.S. Kohli dead. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 5.

Kohli, Sumit (Capt)

The family of Capt Sumit Kohli on May 2 strongly refuted the Army's version that the officer had committed suicide.

– Capt's death: family contests Army version. *Tribune.* May 03, 2006: 3.

The Army has ordered an inquiry into the death of Capt Sumit Kohli, who reportedly committed suicide at his place of posting in the Lolab area of Kupwara district, North Kashmir, on April 30.

– Army orders probe into Capt's death. *Tribune. May* 03, 2006: 20.

The court of inquiry (COI) investigating into the circumstances behind the death of Capt Sumit Kohli of 18 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) has been completed and sent up the chain of command for action. Initial reports emerging from Northern Command suggest the COI opined that no one was to be blamed for the officer's death.

– Capt Kohli case: abetment to suicide not ruled out. *Tribune.* June 06,2006:6.

Koirala, Manisha

Student activists in Nepal have called for the boycott of films featuring Bollywood actress Manisha Koirala after she campaigned for a Mayoral candidate for the February 8 municipal polls, dubbed as "stage managed" by the parties opposed to the King.

– Call to boycott Manisha's films. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 11.

Koshy Koshy

The Haryana Government has placed the services of Mr Koshy Koshy, Director, State Vigilance Bureau, at the disposal of the Government of India for appointment as Additional Director-General in the Central Reserve Police Force. Mr Koshy has been relieved of his duties with immediate effect.

– Koshy to join CRPF. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 8.

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Kotwal, Koushal

Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad in a direct contest will face Mr Koushal Kotwal of the BJP in the byelection for the Bhaderwah Assembly constituency on April 24.

- Only BJP's Kotwal to contest against Azad. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 6.

Krishan Lal

In case of Class XII (Commerce), Krishan Lal of Abhilashi Model School, Nerchowk, has topped the merit list.

- Krishan Lal, Anita Kumari to HP Class XII exam. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 9.

Krishnamurthy, K.

Sending vulgar SMS and making obscene phone calls to girl students, allegedly by the Head of the Department of Textile Desinging, led to a daylong strike at Northern Institute of Fashion Technology, Phase VII in Mohali on December 14. Head of the Department (HoD) K. Krishnamurthy was suspended following the protest. Later, he was arrested under various sections of the IPC and Information Technology Act.

- NIFT official charged with sending vulgar SMS, arrested. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 22.

Krishnan, P.S.

Union HRD Minister, Arjun Singh on July 10 appointed a former bureaucrat and an expert on the subject of reservations to advise him on the 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in elite educational institutions. Mr. P.S. Krishnan, a 1956 batch IAS officer who was in the Welfare Ministry at the time when former Prime Minister V.P. Singh had announced the implementation of 27 per cent job reservation in Government for OBCs in 1990, has been appointed as Honorary Adviser to the Minister to specifically advise on the sreservation issue.

- Quota expert is Arjun's adviser. *Tribune.* July 11, 2006: 2.

Krishnaswamy, M.

The Congress on February 15 named former MP, M. Krishnaswamy as the new president of the TN Pradesh Congress Committee (TNPCC) in place of G.K. Vasan who has been made a Union Minister. More importantly, Mr Krishnaswamy is the father-in-law of PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss, who is also the Health Minister in the UPA Government at the Centre.

- Krishnaswamy is new TN Cong chief. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 2.

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Kular, Sarfraz Singh (Maj)

Major Sarfraz Singh Kular of 5 Para, presently posted at Goma, Congo with UN peacekeeping forces, accompanied by Lt Ashish Ashta, also from 5 Para, has joined a select band of Army officers, who have scaled Mount Elbrus, the highest mountain in Europe.

– Maj Kular, Lt Ashta scale Mt Elbrus. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 4.

Kulbir Singh (Bira)

After hard efforts of SSP, Jalandhar, Ishwar Singh, dreaded Khalistan Commando Force (Panjwar) terrorist Kulbir Singh Bira wanted in 32 criminal cases was deported from America and brought to Phillaur police station late last night yesterday. He was produced before Phillaur judicial magistrate, V.K. Goel early morning on June 20, who sent him to police custody till June 24.

– Hardcore terrorist Bira in Phillaur jail. *Tribune.* June 21, 2006: 5.

Tension prevailed in this town when activists of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), headed by Dr Harjinder Jakhu and Rajinder Singh Fauji, held a demonstration and raised slogans against the police in support of Kulbir Singh Barrapind, alias Bira, who was produced before the Judicial Magistrate on June 24.

– SAD(A) activists back Bira. *Tribune.* June 25, 2006: 4.

Kuldeep Singh

Mr Kuldeep Singh, a witness in the Khalra murder case, in Amritsar on February 3 urged Jathedar Akal Takht, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, to direct Bibi Paramjit Kaur Khalra, widow of human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, to take legal recourse against Mr K.P.S. Gill, former DGP, Punjab, to bring him to book.

– Witness in Khalra case writes to Vedanti. *Sunday Tribune.* February 05, 2006: 5.

Kuldip Singh (Dr)

Dr Kuldip Singh, Prof of Surgery at the Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana has been invited to the 3rd National Conference of Pakistan Surgical Society at Rawalpindi to deliberate on 'Disaster Management'.

– DMCH surgeon to chair session in Pakistan. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006:4.

President-elect of the Indian Association of Gastro Endo Surgeons, Dr Kuldip Singh, was honoured at the 3rd National Conference of Pakistan Surgical Society (PSS), held in Rawalpindi from January 19 to 21. Over 400 surgeons

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participated in the conference, the theme of which was disaster management.

– Ludhiana doc honoured at Pak surgeons' meet. *Tribune.* January 25, 2006:4.

Dr Kuldip Singh, has been elected as the President of the Indian Association of Gastro Endo Surgeons for a term of two years (2006-2008). He was installed as President during the National Congress of Endoscopic Surgery held in Bangalore. He was also nominated as a member of the Governing Council of the International Federation of Endoscopic Surgical Societies.

– Ludhiana doctor heads gastro endo surgeons body. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 4.

Dr Kuldip Singh, has been conferred the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of England.

– Ludhiana doc gets FRCS. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 4

Dr Kuldip Singh, has become the first doctor from the region to be conferred Fellowship ed eundem by the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS), England. He was conferred the honour at a ceremony in London on July 11.

– Rare FRCS honour for Ludhiana doctor. *Tribune.* July 21, 2006: 4.

Kullu, Jyoti Sunita

Jyoti Kullu will lead an 18-member Indian team which will compete in the 11th Women's World Cup Hockey Tournament to be held at Madrid, Spain, from September 27 to October 8.

– Jyoti to lead eves in hockey World Cup. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006:18.

Indian women hockey team Captain, Jyoti Sunita Kullu on December 1 said she was really proud and honoured to be the flag-bearer of country's contingent at the Opening Ceremony of the Asian Games.

– Kullu honoured to be flag-bearer. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006: 22.

Kulwant Singh

Mr Kulwant Singh Saini has been elected president of Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has nominated Dr Narinder Pal Gupta as Secretary and Mr Naval Kishor Batra as treasurer while rest of the office bearers are yet to be nominated.

– Elected. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 7.

Kulwant Singh alias Kanta

Prime accused in the Prabir kidnapping case Kulwant Singh alias Kanta, of Kaleke village in Amritsar district, who was lodged in Jalandhar central jail, died in mysterious circumstances on November 8 morning. Apart from facing

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trial for Prabir's kidnapping, he was also accused of terrorist activities. He was facing trial in a number of criminal cases filed under different Sections of TADA, the NDPS and Arms Act at different places.

– Under trial in Prabir kidnap case dies. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006:5.

Kumar, Asmita

Army Chief, Gen J.J. Singh salutes Asmita Kumar, widow of Major Lalit Kumar of Mahar Regiment who received the Sena Medal (posthumously) during the Army Day parade in New Delhi on January 15.

– 19 awarded Sena Medal. *Tribune.* January 16, 2006: 1.

Kumar Ravindra

Hisar-based poet-dramatist, Kumar Ravindra has been selected for the Sahitya Bhushan Award-2005 of the Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan. Apart from writing 'navgeet', the noted poet has also penned several musical dramas.

– Palette to pen. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 14.

Kumaraswamy, H.D.

Playing the role of an errant son, H.D. Kumaraswamy on January 18 cased off the secular cloak of his father and former PM H.D. Dewe Gowda to shake hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and stake his claim to form a Government in Karnataka.

– Kumaraswamy stakes claim to form govt in Karnataka. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 1.

Breakaway Janata Dal (Secular) group leader and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's son H.D. Kumaraswamy on January 20 ruled out returning to the Congress fold.

– Kumaraswamy rules out returning to Cong fold. *Tribune.*January 21, 2006: 2.

A firm stand by the Karnataka Governor, Mr T.N. Chaturvedi, on January 28 left no option open for the CM, Mr N. Dharam Singh, but to resign from his post. In an equally quick move, the Governor invited breakaway Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy to from the Government, ending political uncertainty on this score. The new Government will take charge on February 3.

– Kumaraswamy to take oath on Feb 3. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 1.

Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda's son H.D. Kumaraswamy was administered

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the oath of office as Chief Minister of the Karnataka State by Governor T.N. Chaturvedi on the portals of the Vidhan Soudha.

– Kumaraswamy takes oath as CM. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 2.

Politics in Karnataka took a new twist on February 18 when JD (S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda suspended Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and 39 other rebel MLAs from the party with immediate effect.

– Gowda expels son, 39 MLAs from party. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 1.

Unanimously approving the recommendation of the coordination committee of the ruling parties, JD(S) and BJP, the Karnataka Cabinet on July 21 ordered a judicial inquiry into the bribery charge against Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and illegal mining in the entire State.

– Probe ordered against Karnataka CM. *Tribune.* July 22, 2006:1.

Observing that Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had violated the code of conduct by making some poll-eve announcements in the Chamundeshwari Assembly constituency, the Election Commission reprimanded him and asked him to be "extra careful".

– Kumaraswamy pulled up for code breach. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 15.

Kumble, Anil

A wave of jubilation swept through the Indian camp when Anil Kumble trapped England tailender Steve Harmison Ibw to join the select band of bowlers to claim 500 Test wickets. As umpire Simon Taufel upheld the Ibw appeal, the 35-year-old Kumble jumped in the air and pumped his fists in celebration. Though denied a hat-trick, Kumble went on to claim the last wicket of Monty Panesar to complete another five-wicket haul.

– Self belief kept me going: Kumble. *Sunday Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 22.

Veteran cricketers have commended Anil Kumble for getting 500 wickets in the second Test between India and England. Kapil Dev, Bishan Singh Bedi and Javagal Srinath praised Kumble on his success.

– Kapil, Bedi praise Kumble. *Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 22.

Rahul Dravid praised Anil Kumble and debutant seamer Munaf Patel for India's nine-wicket win over England in the second Test at PCA stadium in Mohali on March 13.

– Dravid praises Kumble, Munaf. *Tribune.* March 14, 2006: 18.

India's ace leg-spinner Anil Kumble snared eight wickets in the second

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innings to spin Surrey to a seven-wicket victory against Northamptonshire in a Division Two county match at the Oval.

– Kumble spins Surrey to victory. *Tribune.* August 07, 2006: 19.

Anil Kumble picked up two wickets in his eight-over spell as Surrey thrashed Worcestershire by an innings and 107 runs on the third day of a Division Two Country Championship match at Grace Road.

– Anil Kumble. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 22.

Kunderan, Budhisagar (Budhi) Krishnappa

Former India wicketkeeper Budhisagar (Budhi) Krishnappa Kunderan died in Scotland on June 23. Kunderan, 66, was suffering from lung cancer. The Mangalore-born Kunderan, who played 189 Tests mostly under the captaincy of Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi was a flamboyant, dapper batsman unafraid to play his shots. He scored two hundreds, including a Test best of 192, and three fifties to have an impressive average of 32.70. He also pouched 23 catches and effected seven stumpings.

– Kunderan dead. *Tribune.* June 24, 2006: 23.

Kunjarani Devi, N.

Veteran N. Kunjarani Devi on March 17 lifted the hopes of the nation on her broad shoulders and earned the distinction of winning India's first gold medal of the 18th Commonwealth Games in the women's 48 kg weightlifting in Melbourne on March 16.

– Kunjarani lifts first gold. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 22.

The year 2001 was the darkest period for Kunjarani Devi. She was stripped of her bronze amidst ignominy in the Asian weightlifting championship held in South Korea. It was hard to believe but she was tested positive in a drug test. In sharp contrast, 2006 turned out to be the brightest. Kunjarani bagged India's first gold at the Commonwealth Games at Melbourne. The five-year period — from Seoul to Melbourne — has been gruelling for her. She had taken her disgrace to heart and all her energies were directed towards one goal — to excel at the Commonwealth games. She would get up before sunrise and rigorously practice. Nothing, rain or thunder, would stop her.

– Kunjarani: Going from strength to strength. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 13.

N. Kunjarani Devi of CRPF lifted 73 kg in the snatch section and 93 kg in the jerk section to break the national record in the 48 kg category on the opening day of the 55th All-India Police Games at the indoor PAP Complex, Jalandhar Cantonment, in Jalandhar on October 9. Kunjarani lifted a total of

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166 kg for the gold medal. The previous national best was 72 kg (snatch) and 92 kg (jerk).

– Kunjarani breaks national record. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 19.

Kurien, V. (Dr)

Dr V. Kurien, father of the milk revolution in India, resigned from the Chairmanship of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) in Anand on March 20. "My decision is in deference to the recent order of the Gujarat High Court on the issue of co-option of members on the management committee of the cooperative bodies in the state. I have taken the decision as a person firmly believing in rule of law and principles of cooperatives," he announced at a Press conference.

– 'Milkman' Kurien quits Amul board. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

Dr Verghese Kurien, former Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, has been appointed as the first Chancellor of the University of Allhabad after restoration of its Central University status. The Central Government has appointed Kurien for a term of five years.

– Kurien is Allahabad varsity first Chancellor. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 20.

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Lachhman Singh

"Paniwala Baba" is no more. This was how Mr Lachhman Singh, former Haryana Minister and former Rajya Sabha member, who died of a massive heart attack in Kalka on February 21, was known. Mr Lachhman singh (84) is survived by two sons and three daughters. The cremation will take place in his native village, Karanpur, near Kalka, at 9-30 am on February 22.

– Lachhman Singh dead. *Tribune.* February 22, 2006: 7.

Lahiri, Anirban

It was Anirban Lahiri's day. This 19-year-old boy of Bolarus Golf Club, Secunderabad, struck a very bright patch on the return nine returning a two-under card of 70 to surge ahead on the second day of the Royal Challenge Samarvir Sahi Amateur Golf Championship at the Chandigarh Golf Club in Chandigarh on November 22.

– Lahiri takes lead. *Tribune.* November 23, 2006: 18.

When the Indian golf team bagged a silver in the Asian Games at Doha on December 11, the jubilation echoed in the Chandimandir military station, home of one of the golfers, Anirban Lahiri.

– Silver for Pkl lad. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006: 1.

Lakha Singh (Lieut)

Lieutenant Lakha Singh of the Indian National Army (INA) was cremated with full state honours at his native village on Sriganganagar-Padampur road on March 17. The eighty years old stalwart died on March 16 after a protracted illness.

– INA hero cremated with state honours. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 4.

Lakhanpal, K.R.

The Punjab Government on January 31 appointed Mr K.R. Lakhanpal as Chief Secretary, superseding eight IAS officers. Mr Lakhanpal, who assumed charge this afternoon, will be the 33rd Chief Secretary of the State. He succeeds Mr Jai Singh Gill, who retired on January 31 on attaining the age of superannuation. A postgraduate in economics, Mr Lakhanpal is from the 1972 batch of the IAS.

– Lakhanpal is Punjab Chief Secretary. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006: 1.

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Lakshman, Bangaru

Five years after the infamous Tehelka expose, the CBI on July 18 filed its first chargesheet in the case against former BJP president, Bangaru Lakshman, who was caught accepting money from fictitious arms dealers. The chargesheet was filed in the designated court against Lakshman under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC and various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

– Bangaru chargesheeted in Tehelka case. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006:1.

Lal, P.

Mr P. Lal, DGP, Punjab Police Housing Corporation, superannuated on November 30. Hailing from Moradabad, UP, Mr Lal is from the 1969 batch of the IPS.

– DGP Lal retires. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 15.

Lal Singh

Even as the Chief Minister himself had made it clear on two occasions in the past 10 days that the Vigilance Bureau was acting only against corrupt officials in the Panchayati Raj Department, a senior member of his Cabinet, Mr Lal Singh, Rural Development and Panchayat Minister, has asked the Bureau to "back off" from interfering in his Department.

– Vigilance draws Lal Singh's wrath. *Tribune.* February 13, 2006: 4.

Lalit, C.R.B.

The Institute of Economic Studies, New Delhi, has conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award for industrial growth on Mr C.R.B. Lalit, Managing Director of the HPMC, for his contribution in enhancing the production and market sale of processed food products in the country.

– Award for HPMC MD. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 20.

Lalji Baba

Collector G.K. Saraswat told UNI in Guna that Lalji Baba of Saiji village had disclosed to former Sarpanch Gajendra Singh Raghuvanshi that he was 'Netaji' while returning from Guna after undergoing treatment on October 27.

– Sadhu claimed to be Netaji before death. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006:20.

Lall, B.R.

In his book. "Who Owns CBI - The Naked Truth", Mr B.R. Lall, a former Joint Director of the CBI, who headed the investigation into the Jain Hawala case, has alleged that he was shunted out of the agency for strongly protesting

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against "shady going-ons" in the case. The book is scheduled to be released by former Chief Election Commissioner, J.M. Lyngdoh tomorrow.

– Hawala probe was manipulated; CBI ex-official. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 15.

Lall, Jessica

A young girl making an honest living as a barmaid was shot for refusing to serve liqor after the bar was formally closed. This happened in the presence of dozens of well-heeled persons, including a senior police officer. Yet, after seven years of trial, the judge acquitted all the nine accused for want of evidence. The charade of investigation, deposition and cross-examination was gone through, perhaps, with the express purpose of murdering justice. The verdict in the Jessica Lall murder case shows the abject failure of the criminal-judicial system in the country.

– Murder of justice. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 12.

As the detailed judgement in model Jessica Lall murder case has highlighted lopsided investigation and shoddy prosecution by the Delhi Police, resulting in the acquittal of all nine accused, including key accused Manu Sharma, the Delhi High Court in an unprecedented *suo motu* action sought entire details of it from the Delhi Police Commissioner.

– HC seeks report from Delhi Police. *Tribune.* February 25, 2006: 1.

The Delhi Police headed by Mr Ajay Raj Sharma at that time has done a scandalously bad job of investigation.

– Retrial is the only option. *Tribune.* February 27, 2006: 10.

The Delhi Police on March 6 registered a new case in the Jessica Lall murder case under various sections of the IPC.

– Jessica murder: fresh case registered. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 1.

The Delhi Police under fire from all quarters for its "shoddy" investigation in the Jessica Lall murder case, finally filed an appeal in the Delhi High Court on March 13, claiming that the trial judge, had "ignored" vital circumstantial evidence, which was sufficient to convict main accused Manu Sharma and eight of his relatives and friends.

– Delhi Police files appeal in HC. *Tribune.* March 14, 2006: 1.

The Delhi High court on March 22 admitted the police appeal in the Jessica Lall murder case. The appeal had been filed under tremendous pressure from the public. The High Court issued bailable warrants to all nine accused, including prime accused Manu Sharma, with the direction that they should submit themselves to the court's jurisdiction by April 18.

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– Bailable warrants against Manu. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 1.

The Delhi High Court on March 24 refused to stay the Delhi Police "look out" notices against the accused and witnesses in the Jessica Lall murder case.

– HC refuses to stay look-out notices in Jessica case. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 1.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Delhi Police set up to probe the destruction of evidence in the Jessica Lall murder case on Octoer 9 informed the Delhi High Court that it had identified police officers and witnesses who had been instrumental in destroying evidence.

– Cops who destroyed evidence in Jessica case identified. *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006: 4.

The Delhi High Court on October 13 declined the petition seeking a stay on the attachment of property owned by Vikash Gill, an accused and proclaimed offender (PO) in Jessica Lall murder case.

– Stay on attachment of PO's property rejected. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 2.

Raising doubts over the honesty of probe into the Jessica Lall murder case, Mr Ram Jethmalani, the lawyer of Manu Sharma, who is the prime accused, on November 16 said the Delhi HC might order a retrial of the case if it found that the investigation was "corrupted".

– Jethmalani open to retrial. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 6.

Lalpura, Prem Singh

The veteran Akali leader and former Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandak Committee (SGPC) chief, Mr. Prem Singh Lalpura, announced his decision to join the Congress in Chandigarh on August 11.

– Lalpura joins Congress. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 5.

Even as veteran Akali leader Prem Singh Lalpura is the first former Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) chief to join the Congress party, the development has evoked a mixed reaction in the Panthic circles, especially in the Majha region.

– Mixed reaction to Lalpura joining Cong. *Tribune.* August 14, 2006: 17.

Laxman Singh

Lok Sabha member, Laxman Singh, on October 18 alleged that he was not allowed to board a New Delhi-New York Emirates flight three days ago because the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) did not "clear" him. One

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interesting official version of the incident was that he insisted on getting the boarding passes for New Delhi as well as Dubai at Delhi airport itself.

– MP not allowed to board plane. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 16.

Laxman, V.V.S.

India's disastrous tour of South Africa took a nightmarish turn on November 27 with skipper and batting mainstay Rahul Dravid being ruled out of the remainder of the one-day series with a finger injury. V.V.S. Laxman, will replace Dravid for the last two ODIs.

– Laxman to replace injured Dravid. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 18.

Leelaben

The wife of former Gujarat CM Keshubhai Patel was burnt to death when a fire broke out in their official residence in Gandhinagar on September 21 morning. Leelaben (76) was burnt to death in the room housing the gymnasium, due to a fire apparently caused by a short circuit, officials said.

– Keshubhai's wife dies in fire. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 1.

Lele, Ashish (Dr)

Dr Ashish Lele receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Lidder, Jasbir Singh (Lt-Gen)

India's Lt-Gen Jasbir Singh Lidder has been selected by the United Nations to head its Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan (UNMIS). He will be the second force commander in the rank of Lt-General from India to be selected for this prestigious assignment by the UN.

– Gen Lidder to head UN peacekeeping mission. *Tribune.* January 07, 2006: 2.

Likhi, Abhilaksh

The Haryana Government has placed the services of Mr Abhilaksh Likhi at the disposal of the Government of India for appointment as Private Secretary to the Minister of State, Defence Production, Rao Inderjit Singh, in New Delhi, with immediate effect.

– Likhi to be PS to Rao Inderjit. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 15.

Lodha, R.S.

In a major victory to Birlas who had accused their former manager, R.S. Lodha of fabricating a will making him a sole beneficiary of the assets worth Rs 5,000 crore, inherited by late Priyamvada Birla from her husband M.P. Birla, the Surpeme Court on February 3 refused to quash the criminal

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proceedings against him for the alleged forgery.

– SC no to quashing trial against Lodha. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 2.

The legal tussle between the Birlas and Lodha has taken another turn with Lodha filing a Rs 100- crore defamation suit against the Birlas for alleged statements made against him.

– Lodha files Rs 100-cr defamation suit against Birlas. *Tribune.* November 03, 2006: 22.

The R.S. Lodha group was upbeat on December 21 following the Calcutta High Court verdict denying rights for caveat to three Birla members in the 1999 will of Priyamvada Birla, by which she had bequeathed auditor R.S. Lodha the Rs 5000 crore M.P. Birla empire.

– Lodha group upbeat at HC verdict. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 16.

Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh

In a major jolt to the Congress Government, Mr Lakhbir Singh Lodhinangal on September 30 announced that he was stepping down from the post of Chairman of the Batala Improvement Trust. Addressing mediapersons in Amritsar, Mr Lodhinangal levelled serious allegations against the SDM, the Executive Engineer and senior functionaries of the Improvement Trust who allegedly facilitated transfer of prime land to a former Superintendent of the Trust at throwaway prices.

– Alleging fraud, Batala Trust chief quits. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006: 5.

Though Mr Lakhbir Singh Lodhinangal, chairman of the Improvement Trust, Batala, joined the SAD at Amritsar on October 8, the party leaders from the area have opposed his inclusion.

– Ex-trust chief's induction into SAD opposed. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006:4.

The Shiromani Akali Dal led by Mr Prakash Singh Badal on October 8 received a shot in the arm when Mr Lakhbir Singh Lodhinangal, who had recently resigned as Chairman Improvement Trust, Batala, joined the party along with a large number of his supporters in Amritsar.

– Lodhinangal joins SAD. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 4.

The prospects of former Batala Improvement Trust Chairman Lakhbir Singh Lodhinangal, who had recently joined the SAD, to contest from Quadian constituency on party ticket have suffered a setback following the filing of a compliant of fraud against him in the office of SSP L.K. Yadav.

– Lodhinangal accused of fraud. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 17.

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Lone, Sajjad Gani

Broadening the dialogue process in Jammu and Kahsmir, the Centre has invited separatist leader Sajjad Lone of People's Conference for talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on January 14.

– Lone invited for talks with PM. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 20.

A five-member delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference led by party chairman Sajjad Gani Lone on January 12 left for the Union Capital to hold talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on January 14.

– People's Conference delegates leave for Delhi. *Tribune.* January 13, 2006: 6.

The Prime Minister, who on January 14 held talks at his residence with a five-member delegation of People's Conference led by Mr Sajjad Lone, conveyed his government's desire to reach out to the "hearts and minds of the people of Jammu and Kahsmir.".

– Sajjad Lone meets PM. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 24.

Lone, Shoaib

The People's Democrative Party (PDP) suffered a setback on October 12 when Mr Shoaib Lone, an independent MLA, joined the Congress Seva Dal as an associate member in Jammu and praised Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad.

– PDP's Shoaib Lone joins Cong Seva Dal. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 6.

Lonia, Badhai

Badhai Lonia, son of a labourer, was awarded doctorate degree by the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (TIET) at its 20th convocation held on its campus on October 24. He was one of the 13 students, who were awarded doctorate degree by the TIET on October 24.

– Son of labourer gets engineering doctorate degree. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 14.

Luthar, I.S. (Prof)

Prof I.S. Luthar, an eminent mathematician and former Professor, Panjab University, breathed his last at the PGI in Chandigarh on December 7 morning after a brief illness. He was 74. He had been admitted to the PGI for the past few days. Born on March 31, 1932 Prof Luthar did his Ph.D. in 1957 form Illinois University, USA. He was a member of the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton in 1957-58. He joined Panjab University in 1958 and was one of the founder members of the Mathematics Department. He was

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appointed Professor in the Department of Mathematics of this University in 1966. Professor Luthar was the Dean, Foreign Students, from 1979 to 1980 and the Dean University Instruction from 1982 to 1984

– Ex-Panjab versity prof Luthar dead. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006:3.

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Madaan, Amrit Lal (Prof)

Honoured recently with the prestigious Bal Mukund Gupta Award of Rs 50,000 by the Haryana Sahitya Akademi for his contribution to Hindi literature, Prof Amrit Lal Madaan of Kaithal is a well-known writer. Though he has been a teacher of English throughout his career, Hindi, he says, is "the language of my mind, heart and soul".

– English teacher who is a Hindi writer. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006: 20.

Madan, Arun

Mr Harsh Mehta, Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), in Sangrur on March 2 sentenced Supreme Court lawyer Arun Madan of Delhi under Sections 466 (forgery of court record) and 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating) of the IPC to three years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) for each offence with a fine of Rs 2,000 for each offence. As per his information the Supreme Court had passed the bail order which was sent to the court at Barnala. Surjit Singh and Harcharan Singh were freed on bail on January 24, 2001. In the confiscation proceedings of the vehicle, involved in the case, when papers came to the knowledge of additional Sessions judge, Barnala, in October 2001, he doubted the bail order and sought clarification from the Supreme Court which clarified that the bail order was fake.

– SC lawyer gets 3-yr jail in forgery case. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 4.

Madan, Motilal (Dr)

Dr Motilal Madan, a distinguished veterinary and animal scientist, has taken over as the Vice-Chancellor of Pt Deen Dyal Upadhay Veterinary and Animal Science University, Mathura. Dr Madan had been the Joint Director, Research, at the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, for several years. Before taking up his Mathura assignment, Dr Madan had been the Deputy Director-General (Animal Science) in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, and the Vice-Chancellor of Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University, Akola.

– Madan takes over as VC of vet varsity. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 6.

Madhu, Tech

Tech Madhu, wanted in connection with the recent seizure of rockets and

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rocket launchers belonging to Maoists, surrendered before the Warangal police on November 4.

– Maoist rocket-maker surrenders. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006:2.

Madra, S.S. (Lieut-Col)

The officer, Lieut-Col S.S. Madra, posted at No.1 Chandigarh NCC Battalion, faced a single charge under Section 69 of the Army Act read with Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code for allegedly hugging the cadet and kissing her on the neck after taking her to an isolated spot.

– Lt-Col suffers loss of service. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 1.

Magimalraj, Chitra

Chitra Magimalraj, who won the World Ladies Billiards Championship at Cambridge recently, poses with her trophies during a felicitation function organised by Karnataka Billiards Association in Bangalore on April 8.

– *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 22.

Mahajan, A.C.

Allahabad Bank on August 1 appointed Mr A.C. Mahajan as its Chairman and Managing Director (CMD). His appointment is up to July 31, 2010, the date of his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

– Allahabad Bank CMD. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 17.

Mahajan, Amar Nath

A freedom fighter, Amar Nath Mahajan, died at his residence in Sultanpur on the outskirts of Chamba town on September 15. He was 97. He is survived by four sons and four daughters. Sub-Divisional Magistrate Rakesh Gautam laid wreath on the body of the freedom fighter on behalf of the administration.

– Freedom fighter dead. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 9.

Mahajan, Arvind (Lt-Gen)

Lt-Gen Arvind Mahajan will on September 1 take over as Director-General of Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME). He was commissioned in the Corps of EME in December 1968. An alumni of National Defence College, he is a graduate of the prestigious Higher Command course from the Army War College.

– Lt-Gen Mahajan is EME DG. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 14.

Mahajan, Promod

The Election Commission (EC) on April 2 directed the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Assam to file a case against senior BJP leader Pramod Mahajan and some others for addressing a press conference on April 2 morning in

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the poll-bound State after the campaign period came to an end on April 1.

– Mahajan invites EC wrath. *Tribune.* April 3, 2006: 20.

Bharatiya Janata Party General Secretary Pramod Mahajan (56) is on life support at Mumbai's Hinduja Hospital after he was shot at point blank by his brother early on April 22. The incident happened at around 7.30 on April 22 morning at Mahajan's 14th floor apartment in the posh Purna Housing Society at Worli in Central Mumbai. According to preliminary information released by the police, Pramod's brother Pravin drove up at around 6.15 am and the two brothers had a long argument. Shortly afterwards, Pravin pulled out a 9mm Browning revolver and shot at Pramod from close range.

– Pramod Mahajan shot at. *Sunday Tribune.* April 23, 2006: 1.

The condition of BJP General Secretary Pramod Mahajan, who is recovering from gunshot wounds inflicted by his brother, worsened on April 24. According to information available from Hinduja Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment, Mahajan has been put on dialysis after the functioning of his kidneys turned abnormal.

– Mahajan on dialysis, remains critical. *Tribune.* April 25, 2006: 1.

BJP General Secretary Pramod Mahajan, who was shot at by his younger brother Pravin on April 22, died at Mumbai's Hinduja Hospital on May 3. According to Dr Pramod Lele, CEO, Hinduja Hospital, the end came at 4.10 pm.

– Mahajan dead after 12-day battle for life. *Tribune.* May 04, 2006: 1.

Meanwhile, Pravin Mahajan was on May 3 remanded to judicial custody till May 17. Pravin, who was arrested on April 22, was produced before a Magistrate in a Bhoiwada court amid tight security.

– Judicial custody for Pravin. *Tribune.* May 04, 2006: 14.

BJP General Secretary Pramod Mahajan, who died of gunshot wounds on May 3, was cremated on May 4 with full state honours at the Shivaji Park crematorium in Mumbai.

– Tearful adieu to Pramod. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006: 1.

General secretary of the BJP he may have been, but Pramod Mahajan always set forth as if he was a general launching into battle. Regardless of his party, he was the organisation's man for all seasons and reasons. Sharp, resourceful and aggressive, he packed equal punch both as a doer and a speaker. As a doer, he stopped at nothing on the way to the goal, which was a mix of personal ambition and party objectives. He saw himself as a future Prime Minister, more so after Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee had anointed him as

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Lakshman of the Ram party.

– Pramod Mahajan. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006: 10.

Mahajan, Raghu

Raghu Mahajan has done the city proud by topping the All-India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE). The results were declared by the CBSE this afternoon. A student of S.D Public School, Sector 32, Chandigarh Raghu has been a topper throughout his academic career.

– UT boy tops engineering entrance test. *Tribune.* May 25, 2006: 1.

Mahajan, Rahul

By making a surprise appearance at the venue of the BJP's National Executive meeting in New Delhi on May 29, late BJP leader Pramod Mahajan's son Rahul Mahajan has triggered speculation of his entry into active politics.

– Rahul Mahajan appears at BJP meeting. *Tribune.* May 30, 2006: 2.

Rahul (26), was admitted in a serious condition to Apollo Hospital in New Delhi while the late BJP leader's secretary Bibek Biman Moitra (38) died of suspected poisoning after a mysterious late night party in which "strangers" were believed to have been present.

– Rahul Mahajan on life support. *Tribune.* June 03, 2006: 1.

Rahul Mahajan, who is in the ICU of Apollo Hospital, was arrested under the NDPS Act on June 5.

– Rahul Mahajan arrested. *Tribune.* June 06, 2006: 1.

Rahul, arrested on charges of drug abuse, was on June 6 remanded to two-day police custody by a local court.

– Rahul gets 2-day police remand. *Tribune.* June 07, 2006: 1.

Rahul Mahajan, who has been arrested on charges of drug abuse, was sent to judicial custody till June 22 by a Delhi court on June 8.

– 14-day judicial remand for Rahul Mahajan. *Tribune.* June 09, 2006:2.

A city court on June 14 granted bail to Rahul Mahajan in connection with a case of alleged drug abuse. Special Court granted bail to Mahajan on his submitting a bond of Rs 2 lakh and a surety for the same amount.

– Rahul Mahajan gets bail. *Tribune.* June 15, 2006: 1.

Sudhanshu Mittal and Harish Sharma, key aides of late BJP leader Pramod Mahajan, were on June 24 questioned by the Delhi police in connection with the high-profile Rahul Mahajan drug abuse case.

– Two Mahajan aides questioned. *Sunday Tribune.* June 25, 2006: 24.

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Rahul Mahajan on July 21 filed a caveat in the Supremme Court to prempt any possible move on the part of the Delhi police to get an ex-parte order against the Delhi High Court's direction staying his brain mapping test in the drug-snorting case.

– Rahul Mahajan files caveat. *Tribune.* July 22, 2006: 1.

The Delhi Police on August 3 filed the chargesheet against Rahul Mahajan, and five others in the drug overdose case.

– Rahul, 5 others chargesheeted for drug abuse. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006:1.

Rahul Mahajan, tied the knot with long-time sweetheart Shweta Singh at a simple ceremony at Worli in South Central Mumbai on August 29.

– Rahul Mahajan ties the knot. *Tribune.* August 30, 2006: 2.

Rahul Mahajan, who was earlier accused of being a drug addict, is now plagued by allegations that he tortured his wife Shweta. Both Rahul and Shweta were married only in the last week of August.

– Rahul Mahajan accused of torturing wife. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006:1.

Mahajan, Yash

Commercial vehicle manufacturer Swaraj Mazda Ltd said it had appointed Mr Yash Mahajan as its Managing Director. At a meeting held on May 31 the Board appointed Mr Mahajan as the Managing Director for five years, effective from June 1, the company said.

– Yash Mahajan. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006: 15.

Mahal, Anmol Singh

A 56-year-old NRI doctor has been elected president of the California Medical Association, one of the most influential medical organisations in the United States. Dr Anmol Singh Mahal is the first person of Indian origin to head the 35,000-member association.

– NRI elected medical body chief, *Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 11.

Mahalanobis, Abhijit

Indian American Abhijit Mahalanobis, who developed vital 'pattern recognition' components in missile defence system for the US army, has been chosen as 'Scientist of the Year' by the prestigious Emerald Honours that recognises contributions by minority scientists.

– Indian American chosen 'Scientist of the Year'. *Tribune.* September 09, 2006: 11.

Mahendra, Ranbir Singh

Mr Ranbir Singh Mahendra, elder son of Mr Bansi Lal, has got support

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from unexpected quarters in his fight with his sister-in-law, Mrs Kiran Choudhary, over the dispute over the Bhiwani residence of the former Chief Minister.

– Lawyers rally behind Ranbir Mahendra. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006:18.

Maheshwar Singh

The Chief Minister, Virbhadra Singh, who is the scion of the erstwhile Rampur Bushaihar state and the BJP leader and the former Mandi Lok Sabha MP, Mr. Maheshwar Singh, who is the present scion of the former Kulu State are on a collision course over the proposed $ 135 million Himalayan Ski village in the Manali valley.

– Maheshwar Singh locks horns with CM on ski village. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 12.

Mahto, Baidyanath Prasad

Much to the embarrassment of the Nitish Government, its Rural Development Minister Baidyanath Prasad Mahto figures in the fresh BPL list prepared by it. Mr Mahto owns a house at Pakariya village in West Champaran district, a jeep and also cultivatable land.

– Bihar minister on BPL list. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 2.

Mahto, Bir Singh

Forward Bloc MP Bir Singh Mahto and four others were on May 12 sentenced to ten years jail by a local court after being convicted in a rape and arson case on Renubala Bhagat of Bagmundi village of Purulia district in 1983.

– MP gets 10-yr jail for rape. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 1.

Makkar, Avtar Singh

In a volte-face, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President, Avtar Singh Makkar on September 6 backtracked on his statement that the sikh community should not sing Vande Mataram on September 7.

– Volte-face by SGPC chief on Vande Mataram. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 5.

Jathedar Avtar Singh Makkar was re-elected President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) in Amritsar on November 25. He defeated rebel Akali candidate, Gurwinder Singh Shampura by 104 votes.

– Makkar is SGPC chief again. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 1.

Malhotra, Inder

Malhotra's biography on Indira Gandhi was released by the late Prime

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Minister's first Press Adviser and former Editor of Indian Express, B.G. Verghese, at India International Centre Annexe in New Delhi on April 20 evening.

– Malhotra's 2nd biography on Indira released. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 14.

Malhotra, Jitender (Dr)

Medical practitioner, Dr Jitender Malhotra, in Amritsar was awarded the Bharat Jyoti Award by Ms Pratibha Patil, Governor of Rajasthan, recently. He was given the prize at a function organised by the Citizens Integration Peace Society (CIPS) at Jaipur for excellent service in critical care medicine.

– Doctor awarded. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 5.

Malhotra, Lalita

Political economist and human rights activist Vithal Rajan and healthcare professional Lalita Malhotra were appointed officer and member respectively, to the Order of Canada on July 24.

– 2 Indo-Canadians named to Order of Canada. *Tribune.* July 28, 2006:11.

Malik, Amit

Mr Amit Malik has been appointed as president of the Delhi Youth Congress.

– 6YC chiefs appointed. *Tribune.* January 07, 2006: 2.

Malik, Arjun Dass

Mr Arjun Dass Malik, IAS (retd), a former Director, Haryana Public Relations, died in Delhi on January 11.

– A.D. Malik dead. *Tribune.* January 13, 2006: 8.

Malik, J.K. (Justice)

The Citizens Welfare Forum honoured Mr Justice J.K. Malik of the Delhi High Court in Kaithal on Monday. He was honoured by the Forum President, Mr Satish Seth, and others.

– Honoured. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006: 7.

Malik, M.S.

M.S. Malik and Sukhbir Singh have been re-elected president and secretary-general, respectively, of the Haryana State Wrestling Association for the next term of four years.

– Malik elected. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 18.

Malik, M.S. (Ex-DGP)

Ms Promilla Issar, Haryana Revenue Secretary, was on November 15 appointed the inquiry officer for probing the allegations against a former

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Haryana DGP, M.S. Malik.

– Issar to probe charges against ex-DGP Malik. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 15.

Malik, Mohammad Yaseen

Widening the scope of the talks with groups outside the electoral system in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on February 13 invited JKLF leader Yaseen Malik for talks in New Delhi on February 17.

– PM invites Yaseen Malik for talks on Feb 17. *Tribune.* February 14, 2006:14.

Yaseen Malik on February 17 said that militant leadership should be involved in the "decision-making" process between India and Pakistan on the Kashmir issue.

– Malik favours including ultras in talks. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 2.

JKLF Chairman Mohammad Yaseen Malik has decided to launch "freedom march" in June to urge the governments of India and Pakistan to involve the people of Kashmir in the ongoing peace process. The march would begin in the Kashmir valley and would pass through villages and towns of Jammu and Ladakh.

– Yaseen Malik calls for poll boycott. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 6.

JKLF Chairman Yaseen Malik was admitted to hospital in Srinagar in a critical condition after he was allegedly attacked by a legislator's escort in Srinagar on October 28.

– Malik attacked. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 9.

Malik, Ripudaman Singh

Ripudaman Singh Malik, one of the main accused in the Kanishka bombing who was acquitted last year, has won the right to limited participation at an upcoming inquiry into the tragedy.

– Malik can join Kanishka probe. *Tribune.* July 27, 2006: 12.

Malik, Sardar

Veteran music director Sardar Malik passed away after prolonged illness at a city hospital, family sources said on January 28. Malik, who was 81, was not keeping well for the past one year and died on January 27 night. Recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke award, Malik is survived by wife Bilkis and three sons, namely Anu Malik, Abu Malik and Dabu Malik, Anu Malik is one of the leading music directors in Bollywood.

– Sardar Malik dead. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 2.

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Malik, V.P. (Gen)

The Pakistani Army achieved a tactical surprise, but failed at the strategic level. The outbreak of war at Kargil also revealed that the Pakistani political leadership was out of sync with the thinking and planning of the country's military top brass, says Gen V.P. Malik in his book "From Surprise to Victory".

– Gen Malik releases book on Kargil war. *Tribune*. May 01, 2006: 2.

Malik, Vipin

Mr Vipin Malik, a noted chartered accountant and tax consultant, has joined the Jan Morcha led by former Prime Minister V.P. Singh and Mr Raj Babbar. After his joining the Jan Morcha, Mr Malik said he was joining politics to serve the country's poor people.

– Vipin Malik joins Jan Morcha. *Tribune*. October 23, 2006: 10.

Mallick, Tapasi

"From the very beginning of the Singur agitation, Tapasi had been actively involved in the movement for protecting the farmers' lands against the forcible acquisition and transferring it to Tata Motors for which she had been killed," Trinamool supremo, Ms Mamata Banerjee who was on the 15th day of her fasting, alleged.

– Death of girl at Singur; Mamata calls for bandh. *Tribune*. December 19, 2006: 20.

Mallya, M.D.

Mr M.D. Mallya, Executive Director, Oriental Bank of Commerce, has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank of Maharashtra, Mr Allen C. A. Pereira, General Manager, Syndicate Bank, will replace Mr Mallya as Executive Director in the Oriental Bank of Commerce, an official announcement said on March 24.

– Mallya is Bank of Maharashtra CMD. *Tribune*. March 25, 2006: 21.

Mallya, Vijay

Kingfisher Airlines promoter Vijay Mallya on January 8 ruled out possibility of buying the ailing Air Sahara airline and hinted that Naresh Goyal promoted Jet Airways may be the one to buy it.

– Mallya not to buy Air Sahara. *Tribune*. January 09, 2006: 17.

Liquor baron Vijay Mallya is believed to have acquired Bouvet-Ladubay, the wine subsidiary of French champagne major Taittinger for $15 million.

– Mallya takes Taittinger's wine arm for $15 m. *Tribune*. July 06, 2006: 17.

Indian billionaire Vijay Mallya is currently in the midst of a £600 million bid

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to take over Scotland's major whisky distiller Whyte & Mackay (W&M).

– Vijay Mallya eyes Whyte & Mackay. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 19.

Malvinder Mohan Singh

Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd on January 18 announced a major change in the top management with Malvinder Mohan Singh taking charge as the CEO and Managing Director in place of Brain Tempest who has been promoted as the Chief Mentor and Executive Vice-Chairman.

– Malvinder Singh is Ranbaxy CEO. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 17.

Manbir Singh

India's Ambassador to Iran, Mr Manbir Singh, presented his credentials to Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadi-Nejad, at a formal ceremony in Tehran on January 2. President Ahmadi-Nejad welcomed Ambassador Singh to Iran and noted that India and Iran have historical ties, which are extensive and deep.

– Envoy to Iran presents credentials. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 2.

Manchanda, Atam Prakash

He has a panacea for all that ails the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) in Haryana. No novice to politics and its complexities, newly elected BJP State President, Atam Prakash Manchanda knows his biggest challenge comes from taming the indiscipline to curbing factionalism before he can train his guns on rival political parties.

– New Haryana BJP chief to curb indiscipline. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 3.

Mangat, G.S.

Mr G.S. Mangat took over as CMD of National Fertilisers Limited (NFL) on Wednesday. Before his elevation, he was functioning as Director (Marketing). Having a Master's degree in Agriculture from PAU, Ludhiana, Mr Mangat has an extensive professional experience spanning over 35 years. He has also held key overseas portfolios, including one at Kribhco.

– *Tribune.* February 02, 2006: 19.

Manjeet Kaur

The Punjab Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, and the Director-General of Police, Mr S.S. Virk, on December 12 congratulated Manjeet Kaur who helped India win their first athletics gold in the Doha Asian Games. Manjeet, a member of the quartet that won the gold in the 4x400 m relay, works in Punjab Police. While the Chief Minister announced a cash prize of Rs. 5

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lakh for Manjeet, the Punjab DGP promised Rs. one lakh to be given to her on her return from Doha.

– Manjeet to get cash awards. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006: 18.

After winning the gold medal in the 4x400m relay race and a silver in 400m at the Doha Asian Games, Manjit Kaur returned to Jalandhar this afternoon along with Palwinder Cheema to a rousing welcome. Palwinder won a bronze medal in the 120-kg freestyle event.

– Manjit basks in golden glory. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 20.

Manjhi, Dasharath

Mr Dasharath Manjhi's claim to fame has been the Herculean task of single-handedly carving a 36-foot-long, 25-foot high and 30-foot wide passage by cutting through a mountain near Gehlore village in Gaya district, about 100 km from Patna. The hill stands between the Atri and Wazirgunj blocks in Gaya. The love for his wife inspired this man to cut through the mountain. He could not take his ailing wife in time to the nearest hospital, which was six hours away, as the route skirted around the mountain. So after she passed away, Mr Manjhi attacked the mountain with primitive tools like chisel and hammer to split open a road, which now enables his fellow villagers to reach the same hospital in just an hour. Manjhi's pass through the mountain has reduced the distance between the Atri and Wazirganj sub-divisions of Gaya district from 50 km to 10 km. He began this extraordinary task in 1967 and finished the epic project in 1988.

– A Padma for a mountainous task? *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 1, 15.

Mankotia, Vijai Singh (Maj)

The chief minister, Mr Virbhadra Singh , on April 10 said that he would file a civil and criminal defamation case against Congress legislator Vijai Singh Mankotia for making allegations against him. Talking to mediapersons, he said he would not allow anyone to damage his integrity. He said his public life was like an open book.

– Virbhadra to sue Mankotia. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 6.

Major Vijai Mankotia, the estranged former Congress minister, on April 11 dared Mr Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, to file a defamation case against him and said he would be "too glad" to avail the opportunity to expose him. Addressing a press conference in Shimla, he said he had not levelled vague allegations but produced evidence of the money deposited in the account of an officer of the Chief Minister's office.

– Mankotia dares CM to sue him. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 14.

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Mankunnil, Suresh

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet against former secretary general, M. Raghupathy, of Janta Dal (U) and another activist of the party, Suresh Mankunnil, for taking bribe to influence public servants so as to procure supply orders for 'Hand-held Thermal Imagers' from the Ministery of Defence.

- Tehelka: CBI charge sheet against 2 JD (U) men. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 2.

Manmohan Singh (Dr)

In the wake of the Supreme Court verdict on Bihar having "long-term implications for Constitutional propriety, political morality and democratic accountability", the NDA leaders on January 25 asked President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam to secure Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's resignation before the Republic Day on January 26.

- NDA leaders meet Kalam, seek Manmohan, Buta's resignation. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 2.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on February 20 took up the issue of L.N. Mittal's bid for Arcelor with French President Jacques Chirac, expressing the hope that justice would be done with all stakeholder.

- Manmohan takes up Mittal issue with Chirac. *Tribune.* February 21, 2006: 17.

The BJP-led Opposition on February 20 demanded the resignation of PM Manmohan Singh over the Supreme Court's adverse remarks against the Centre for the manner in which the Bihar Assembly was dissolved last year.

- PM must quit over Bihar, says Oppn. *Tribune.* February 21, 2006: 20.

The Election Commission (EC) on April 4 procured the CD of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's speech at Dongkamokam of Karbi Anglong, where he allegedly announced an economic package violating the model code of conduct. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Asom, J.B. Prakash on April 4 told newspersons that the CD was being sent to the Election Commission (EC) for further action.

- EC collects CD of PM's speech. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 20.

Terming Dr Manmohan Singh as "very weak Prime Minister", the SAD (Amritsar) president, Mr Simranjeet Singh Mann, on May 31 flayed the extension granted to the Cabinet Secretary, Mr B.K. Chaturvedi.

- Manmohan weak PM: Mann. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006: 4.

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Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on June 6 set aside protocol and went to the airport to receive Nepalese Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala who arrived in New Delhi on June 6 evening on a four-day goodwill visit.

– Manmohan receives Koirala at airport. *Tribune.* June 07, 2006: 20.

The Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, who wanted to resign in the wake of the DMK's threat to withdraw support from the government against the decision of the disinvestment of Neyveli Lignite and Nalco, has been persuaded by the Defence Minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, to change his decision, Congress leaders close to the Defence Minister said on July 9.

– Pranab persuaded Manmohan to continue as Prime Minister. *Tribune.* July 10, 2006: 2.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on August 3 telephoned Ms Asma Jahangir, arguably one of the best known names among Pakistani women in contemporary period, and apologised to her for the "ill treatment" meted out to her by the Delhi Police.

– PM says sorry to Asma Jahangir. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 1.

In a decision that saved the Congress-led UPA government from possible embarrassment, Rajya Sabha Chairperson Bhairon Singh Shekhawat on August 10 rejected the breach of privilege motion moved by suspended Congress leader Natwar Singh against Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the leakage of Justice Pathak Authority report.

– Privilege motion against PM rejected. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 1.

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee on August 11 rejected the privilege notices given by the NDA and others against Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for leakage of the Justice Pathak Authority Report to the media before it was laid in the House, saying it did not constitute any breach of privilege or contempt of the House.

– Speaker rejects motion against PM. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 1.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has been nominated vice-patron of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

– PM nominated CPA vice-patron. *Tribune.* September 11, 2006: 17.

That PM Manmohan Singh continues to enjoy Congress president Sonia Gandhi's confidence was evident when she emphatically scotched all speculation about the possible appointment of a Deputy Prime Minister.

– No Deputy PM, assets Sonia. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 20.

PM Manmohan Singh turned 74 on September 26. "It was a usual working day for him" Prime Minister's Media Advisor Sanjaya Baru said.

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– PM turns 74. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 2.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh presented the M.S. Swaminathan Award for "Leadership in Agriculture" to G.S. Khush at the Second International Rice Congress in New Delhi on October 9.

– Prime Minister calls for second green revolution in rice. *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006: 13.

A petition challenging the continuation of the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, in the office has been moved in the Supreme Court, raising certain questions on his Rajya Sabha membership under the provision of Article 183(1) of the Constitution. A public interest litigation (PIL) filed by former Uttar Pradesh MLC R.S. Sanwal, who claims himself to be a Gandhian, has raised the issue of the retirement of one-thirds MPs of the Rajya Sabha every two years as provided under Article 182(1) and the rules framed thereunder, according to which Dr Singh's membership should have ended on April 2 last.

– PM's continuation in office challenged. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006: 2.

Over a year after being honoured with a doctorate by Oxford University, Cambridge University bestowed upon Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Doctor of Law degree in Cambridge on October 11.

– Manmohan calls for new global vision. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 1.

United States President George W. Bush on October 16 telephoned Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and discussed a whole range of issues, including the Indo-US nuclear deal and nuclear weapon test conducted by North Korea.

– Bush phones PM, discuses nuclear deal. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 1.

The BJP on November 14 asked Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to make the Government's stand clear on the issue of providing religion-based reservation which are not only "unconstitutional but designed to promote the worst form of appeasement without constitutional sanction".

– BJP wants PM to clarify on religion quota. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006:2.

The BJP on December 7, on the Indo-US nuclear deal, accused Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's of "demeaning conduct" in pursuing the agreement. Jaswant Singh said it was "extremely odd" for the Prime Minister of India to be lobbying for this agreement with the present US Senate, which now retains that office for just a few weeks.

– PM's conduct is disgraceful: BJP. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 2.

The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), a premier research centre, on December

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24 conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for his contributions to the Indian economy. ISI was founded in 1931 by P.C. Mahanalobis, recognised as the father of Indian Statistics.

– Honorary degree for PM. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 2.

Manmohan Singh (Dr)

The Punjab Government has issued a notification to extend the tenure of Dr Manmohan Singh as President of the Punjab Medical Council by three years. Dr Manmohan Singh is a cardiologist and former Head of the Department of Cardiology, Government Rajindra College and Hospital, Patiala. He is also the chairman of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission of the Indian Olympic Association. Recently, he was appointed a member of the Commonwealth Games (2010), Delhi and a member of the Olympic Council of Asia.

– Tenure of medical council chief extended. *Tribune.* November 02, 2006:15.

Mann, Gursewak

Punjabi singer Gursewak Mann, accused of taking photographs of Kangra girl Neha Thakur at North Park, was on October 10 granted bail by a local court following his surrender at the CIA staff office in Sector 26 on October 10 morning.

– Gursewak Mann surrenders, gets bail. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006: 1.

Mann, Simranjit Singh

In an unprecedented directive, pronounced shortly after a clash on the concluding function of quadricentennial celebration of the foundation of Akal Takht, the five Sikh high priests have urged the Sikh sangat not to allow SAD (Amritsar) President Simranjit Singh Mann, ...from speaking at any Panthic platform.

– Sikh clergy's edict on boycotting Mann, 5 others. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006:5.

Accusing the Sikh priests of acting in a partisan manner, Mr Simranjit Singh Mann, President, SAD (Amritsar), stated he was being made a scapegoat under a well-thought out conspiracy hatched by Mr Parkash Singh Badal, Mr Avtar Singh, SGPC chief and a few others to humiliate him.

– Mann blames SGPC chief, Badal for hooliganism at Akal Takht. *Tribune.* July 04, 2006: 4.

Mr Simranjit Singh Mann, on July 18 accepted a "symbolic tankhah" from the Sikh clergy for the clash on July 2 at Gurdwara Manji Sahib (Golden Temple).

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– Mann, 5 others accept 'tankhah'. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 5.

Simranjeet Singh Mann on August 30 virtually stole the show at the Shatabdi Samagam on Sampooranta Divas, as he forced his entry into the pandal, addressed the gathering, received a "sirpoa" and a memento from none other than SGPC president Avtar Singh Makar and left.

–. Mann steals show at Shatabdi Samagam. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 4.

Mr Balramji Dass Tandon, senior BJP leader and former Industries Minister, on September 1 said that Akali leader Simranjit Singh Mann was trying to spoil the atmosphere in the State by making provocative statements. He said that the pro-Khalistan speech made by Mr Mann at Talwandi Sabo was worth condemning.

– Mann dividing Punjabis: BJP. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 5.

Mr Simranjit Singh Mann, was on September 10 honoured with "Kohenoor-e-Kaum" award by the local unit of the SAD (A), social organisations and youth clubs at a function in Sangrur.

- Simranjit Singh Mann honoured with 'Kohenoor-e-Kaum' award. *Tribune.* September 11, 2006: 4.

The 500th birth anniversary celebrations of Baba Budhaji — the first head granthi of the Golden Temple — was marred when leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) clashed with activists of the SAD (Amritsar), led by its president Mr Simranjit Singh Mann, with the police remaining a mute spectator in Kathunangal on October 25 leaving many injured from both sides.

- Baba Budhaji function marred by SAD-SAD(A) clash. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 1.

Even as the SGPC chief, Mr Avtar Singh, had a closed-door meeting with the Jathedar of Akal Takht last evening after the clash at Kathunangal, the latter on October 26 called upon the Sikh masses to identify those forces that were out to create an unsavoury situation in the Panthic circles. The Sikh clergy condemned Mr Simranjit Singh Mann and his associates, and held them responsible for the clash at Kathunangal.

- Sikh clergy condemns Mann. *Tribune.* October 27, 2006: 5.

Simranjit Singh Mann was on November 7 acquitted by a Delhi court in a TADA case registered against him in 1991 for allegedly making inflammatory speeches, advocating establishment of so-called separate state of Khalistan.

- Mann acquitted in TADA case. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006: 1.

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Mann, Surinder Pal Singh

An upright man, a visionary, a great lover of sports and an ardent advocate of free power to farmers — that is how people will remember Surinder Pal Singh Mann. He was perhaps also the only man in the history of the Punjab State Electricity Board to remain its Administrative Member for two terms spanning over nine years. Mann, 76, died on March 30 after an unsuccessful bypass surgery.

– S.P.S. Mann, a great supporter of free power to farmers. *Sunday Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 4.

Manuja, Ronak Mahesh

Ronak Mahesh Manuja captured the boys' singles title in the second leg of the ITF World Pakistan Junior Tennis Championships-II by defeating Chandril Sood 6-4, 6-2 in an all-Indian final in Islamabad.

– Ronak Manuja wins ITF title. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006: 18.

Marak, E.D.

An FIR was lodged against Meghalaya Health Minister E.D. Marak for allegedly slapping his personal security officer (PSO) in full public view, Home Minister R.G. Lyngdoh told the Assembly on December 14. As the Minister refuted the incident, the matter was under investigation, he added.

– Minister booked for slapping. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 2.

Marandi, Babulal

Two top political leaders in Jharkhand on May 18 announced almost simultaneous resignations — Mr Babulal Marandi from the BJP's primary membership and the Lok Sabha and Stephen Marandi from the post of convener of state United Progressive Alliance (UPA).

– Babulal Marandi resigns. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 2.

Marandi, Stephen

Top political leader in Jharkhand, Stephen Marandi on May 18 announced his resignation from the post of Convener of state United Progressive Alliance (UPA).

– Babulal Marandi resigns. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 2.

Marykom, M.C.

High fever and cold were hardly a deterrent for defending champion M.C. Marykom as she outscored Chandrika Guruge of Sri Lanka to book herself a semifinal berth in the 46 kg category of the fourth World Women Boxing Championship in New Delhi on November 21.

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– Marykom books semis berth. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 20.

The Lok Sabha on November 29 congratulated a woman boxer who won a gold medal for India in the World Boxing Championship recently with Speaker Somnath Chatterjee saying the feat would serve as a source of inspiration for budding sportspersons.

– Lok Sabha hails Marykom's feat. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 18.

Masood, Rasheed

A court in New Delhi has framed charges against former Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Rasheed, Masood and two senior government officials for alleged irregularities in allocating MBBS seats to private persons in 1990-91. Special Judge Sunil Gaur took congnisance of the chargesheet filed by the Special branch of the CBI last week and framed charges against Masood, Gurdial Singh, former Resident Commissioner of the Tripura Government, and senior officer Sachidanand Dwivedi of Gandhinagar, Lucknow.

– Charges framed against ex-health minister. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006:10.

Matherani, Aniel

An interview with Aniel Matherani, former Indian Ambassador to Croatia, on the Iraqi oil scam that cost Natwar Singh his job as External Affairs Minister, has earned Saurabh Shukla of *India Today* the first-ever M.S. Oberoi Media Award.

– M S Oberoi media awards announced. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 2.

Mathew, Thomas

Mr Thomas Mathew has taken over as the Managing Director of LIC of India. Mr Mathew (53) has held important assignments in different parts of the country prior to taking over his new post, an official press note said on March 27.

– LIC MD. *Tribune.* March 28, 2006: 17.

Matta, G.S.

Mr G.S. Matta has taken over as the Executive Director of the Punjab & Sind Bank for a two-year term. Mr A.K. Mishra has assumed charge as the Executive Director of Canara Bank.

– New bank EDs. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 19.

Mattewal, Hardev Singh

Senior Punjab and Haryana HC lawyer, Hardev Singh Mattewal, will be bestowed a rare honour by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee

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(SGPC) for his exemplary services to the society in general and the "panth" in particular. He has been handling all important court cases in which the SGPC is a party for the past almost 20 years without ever accepting any fee. SGPC sources say the body owes over Rs. two crore as fees to him, but he has refused to take a single penny.

– SGPC to honour Mattewal. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 4.

Former advocate-general Hardev Singh Mattewal was honoured by the SGPC in Amritsar on Wednesday. SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar said Mr Mattewal had always upheld the true ideas and never compromised for personal interests.

– Honoured. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 4.

Mattoo, Priyadarshini

The Delhi High Court on July 28 admitted a CBI plea for the early hearing of the appeal in the sensational Priyadarshini Mattoo rape and murder case.

– HC puts Mattoo case on fast track. *Tribune.* July 29, 2006: 1.

CBI Director Vijay Shankar on October 30 described the Delhi High Court's death sentence to Santosh Kumar Singh in the Priyadarshini Mattoo case as a "benchmark judgement" and underlined the meticulous and objective probe by the agency.

– Verdict in Mattoo case a 'benchmark': CBI. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006:20.

Maudgal, Rama Kant (Dr)

For 20 years Dr Rama Kant Maudgal, a Harvard University alumni, nurtured a dream of starting an institute of higher learning — The Divinity School — to "facilitate a unified study of science and religion." A noted scientist of this country who remained in the service of some of the biggest business houses in India before settling down at Kurukshetra, Dr Maudgal managed to gather support from the world's top universities and institutes for the project. But he insists on establishing the school at Kurukshetra.

– Proposal to set up university of science, spirituality. *Tribune.* August 07, 2006: 3.

Mayawati

Playing her ace after being re-elected, the national President of the Bahujan Samaj Party, Ms Mayawati on August 27 announced that her political successor would be a Dalit, who would take the self-respect movement forward.

– Maya elected BSP chief for second term. *Tribune.* August 28, 2006: 2.

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Mounting a scathing attack on BSP supremo and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati, Indian Justice Party (IJP) on September 16 called the self-confessed 'Dalit ki Beti' aa 'Daulat ki Beti'.

– Mayawati termed "Daulat ki Beti". *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 3.

In a major setback to BSP supremo and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Mayawati in the Rs. 175-crore Taj Heritage Corridor scam, the Supreme Court on November 27 rejected the CBI Director's report for closing the case and directed the agency to submit the entire material to the Special Judge, Lucknow, to decide independently whether prosecution should be launched against her and other accused persons.

– Maya case should go on, says SC. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 1.

The Supreme Court has rightly rejected the "clean chit" given by the CBI to former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and Bahuan Samaj Party leader Mayawati, the main accused in the Rs 175-crore Taj Corridor case. The Bench consisting of Justice S.B. Sinha and Justice S.H. Kapadia has examined the Investigating Officer's view that there was "sufficient evidence" to prosecute Ms Mayawati for her involvement in the corruption scam when she was the Chief Minister three years ago.

– Maya in the soup. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 10.

The tragedy is that both Ms Mayawati and Shibu Soren have thrived under different regimes. Ms Mayawati's involvement in the great Taj Corridor scandal was never seriously investigated either by the NDA Government or by the UPA Government, for reasons purely political. She has a vote bank in UP which helps her win a few seats in the Lok Sabha the NDA thought it might need for survival or for coming to power at the Centre. The Congress-led UPA also tries to appease Ms Mayawati for similar selfish reasons.

– When a criminal can sit in the Union Cabinet. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 1.

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Chief, Ms Mayawati, on November 30 sought to mount a direct attack on the Punjab Chief Minister, Captain Amarinder Singh, by asserting that it was the Congress which was "running after the BSP for a poll alliance" and not vice versa.

– Cong, not BSP, wants poll alliance: Maya. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006:4.

Meena Rani

Mrs Meena Rani was sworn in as a Minister of State with independent charge of her portfolio.

– Hooda expands Ministry. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 1.

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Meerajuddin

The former minister was allegedly caught in a compromising position in a CD in his bedroom in his house in Lucknow, Pradhan had claimed. Meerajuddin, who denied Pradhan's charge, had also resigned from RLD on December 25 claiming to be innocent and would keep out of politics till his name was cleared. On December 25, former UP Irrigation Minister and senior RLD leader Merajuddin had resigned from the party after his involvement in a sex racket was disclosed by the meerut Police in connection with Kavita's murder.

– UP minister Babulal quits. *Tribune.* December 27, 2006: 1.

Mehardin

Renowned wrestler and winner of several titles, Mehardin, passed away at a hospital on January 11. The 69-year-old former Rustam-e-Hind and Bharat Kesri was ailing for sometime and was brought to the Guru Nanak Mission Hospital in Jalandhar for treatment where he breathed his last.

– Mehardin dead. *Tribune.* January 13, 2006: 22.

Mehla, Siddharth

Mr Siddharth Mehla, a Karnal-based youth who has just completed his MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad, has been offered one of the highest compensation packages in the country. He has been selected by Barclays Capital as an Associate in Singapore. His annual salary figure will be $1,85,000 (US).

– 'Highest' pay package for Karnal boy. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 3.

Mehra, Vijay

Former India Test batsman Vijay Mehra died in New Delhi after a cardiac arrest on August 25 morning. He was 68 and is survived by wife, a son and a daughter.

– Former Test batsman Vijay Mehra dead. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 22.

Born in Amritsar on March 12, 1938, Mehra was 13 plus when he played for Punjab and North Zone in national schools tournament. He also played for Panjab University. In Ranji Trophy, Mehra made his debut for East Punjab against Delhi in 1953-54. He scored 40. In next match against Holkar, he scored 96. These two knocks saw him get a place for North Zone against Silver Jubilee Overseas Commonwealth team the same season. He scored 3,222 runs (average 38.36).

– Vijay Mehra: a dogged batsman. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 22.

Mehrotra, Ravi Kumar

Mr Ravi Kumar Mehrotra continues to hold an Indian passport, despite

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having the headquarters of his company in London. He is one of the few Indians who has been conferred the honour of CBE of the British Empire by the Queen.

– Indian honoured with CBE. *Tribune.* July 27, 2006: 5.

Mehta, Deepa

Deepa Mehta's "Water", which tells the story of a child widow in the 20th century India has won the Golden Kinnaree award at the Bangkok International Film Festival in Bangkok.

– Top award for Deepa's "Water". *Sunday Tribune.* February 26, 2006:11.

Mehta, Goverdhan (Prof)

The US embassy on February 17 denied a news report in an English daily which said that the US had refused entry visa to Professor Governdhan Mehta, former Chief of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

– Prof Mehta may get US visa. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 2.

The USA on February 24 issued visa to noted Indian scientist, Prof Governdhan Mehta, and apologised to him.

– USA gives visa to Indian scientist. *Tribune.* February 25, 2006: 8.

The Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) has selected Prof Goverdhan Mehta, a former Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for Excellence in Science and Technology Award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs One lakh, a citation and a plaque. It will be given to him by the Prime Minister at the inaugural function of the 94th session of the ISCA at Annamalai University on January 3.

– Science congress to honour Mehta. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 7.

Mehta, Navin (Dr)

Dr Navin Mehta receives 2006 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award given to ancestral groups who through struggle, sacrifice and success help build the US, in New York on Saturday.

– *Tribune.* May 15, 2006: 9.

Dr Navin Mehta, surgeon director in Otolaryngology will be presented the 2006 John Kearney Rodgers Physician of the Year Award on November 20 in New York. Dr Mehta graduated in Medicine from Rewa in Madhya Pradesh in 1974 and went to the USA.

– Indian-American surgeon to be honoured. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006:11.

Mehta, Pratap Bhanu

Objecting to the government's proposal of implementing 27 per cent

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reservation for OBCs, two members of the National Knowledge Commission, Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Andre Beteille, on May 22 sent in their resignations to the Prime Minister.

– 2 quit PM's knowledge panel. *Tribune.* May 23, 2006: 1.

Mehta, Rajinder Singh

Even as Gurcharan Singh Grewal, president, Sikh Students Federation (Mehta), on November 10 removed Rajinder Singh Mehta as patron of the Federation, the rival group on November 10 convened a meeting with Mehta at Bhai Gurdas Hall in Amritsar and authorised him to find a solution of the dispute.

– Rajinder Mehta removed as patron of SSF. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006:4.

Supporters of Rajinder Singh Mehta a former president of the Sikh Students Federation on December 5 decided to resign from the Federation in protest against the attitude of president Gurcharan Singh Grewal.

– Mehta supporters decide to leave SSF. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006:4.

Mehta, Sureesh (Vice-Admiral)

Admiral Mehta, currently Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command, will assume the new post of Naval Chief on October 31 on retirement of the present Chief Admiral Arun Prakash, according to a Defence Ministry announcement in New Delhi. Born on August 18, 1947, Admiral Mehta, an alumnus of National Defence Academy, has held many prestigious onboard and staff appointments, including having commanded the Western Fleet, the sword arm of the Navy during Operation Parakaram.

– Sureesh Mehta to be new Naval chief. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 1.

Taking over as the 19th Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Mehta brings rich experience to the top job in the Navy. He has commanded Navy's Eastern Naval Command, Western Naval fleet, as also important shore appointment of Director-General, Coast Guard, Chief of Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, at the Naval Headquarters in New Delhi.

– Admiral Sureesh Mehta takes charge. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 20.

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta on December 2 said China was creating a maritime area around India that could prove to be inimical to the country's interest in the future. Addressing the annual press conference on the Naval Day, Admiral Mehta said India was surrounded by countries which were inclined towards China, such as Myanmar, and were building up a maritime area.

– China maritime threat: Mehta. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 1.

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Mehta, Tyeb

Paintings by two renowned Indian artists, Syed Haider Raza and Tyeb Mehta, have fetched a whopping sum of over a million dollar each at an auction in New York. At Sotehby's sale on March 29, the top lot was Raza's painting 'Tapovan' (1972), which sold to an anonymous bidder for $1.47 million while his compatriot Mehta's 'Falling Figure with Birds' (1988) fetched a close $ 1.24 million.

- Indian's paintings fetch $ 1m each. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 11.

Mehta, U.S.

Taking serious note of the incident in which a Chakma was killed and four were injured in a firing by BSF jawans at Bhulanchuri village in Lunglei district of Mizoram on April 15, the BSF has instituted a staff court of inquiry against the accused, including the Company Commander U.S. Mehta.

- Court of inquiry against BSF Commander. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 2.

Mehta, Zubin

India-born Western classical music conductor Zubin Mehta was among the five stalwarts from the arts and entertainment field honoured by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts this year for their lifetime contribution.

- Music maestro Zubin Mehta gets elite US award. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 13.

Menon, Shiv Shankar

India's High Commiossioner to Pakistan, Shiv Shankar Menon was on August 31 appointed the next Foreign Secretary. He will assume the office on October 1. Mr Menon has superseded 16 senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officials, including two Secretaries in the headquarters in New Delhi — Secretary (East) Rajiv Sikri and Secretary (West) Shashi U. Tripathi — and two Ambassadors — T.C.A. Rangachari (Paris) and Shiv Shanker Mukherjee (Kathmandu). Mr Menon, born on July 5, 1949, will retire on July 31, 2009, thus leaving him a tenure of two years and 10 months.

- Menon is new Foreign Secy. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 1.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shiv Shankar Menon as new Foreign Secretary, succeeding Shyam Saran.

- Menon gets ACC nod. *Tribune.* September 06, 2006: 22.

Mr Shiv Shankar Menon will take over as new Foreign Secretary on October 1. Mr Menon succeeds Mr Shyam Saran who has been appointed as Special Envoy for negotiations relating to the Indo-US deal after his retirement.

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– Menon takes over as Foreign Secy today. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006: 1.

Taking charge as the Foreign Secretary, Mr Shiv Shankar Menon, questioned how Pakistan could deny the involvement of the ISI and Pakistan-based terror groups without looking at the evidence. He said India would give evidence to Pakistan and "judge it by its actions and not words." He said India was ready to present the evidence, but at the right time and the right place.

– India to provide evidence to Pak. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006. 1.

Mida, Krishan Kumar

On the heels of self-immolation by a rehri owner in Patiala, Krishan Kumar Mida, a Malout-based reporter of a vernacular daily, made a similar attempt in front of Cabinet Minister Jagmohan Singh Kang at the Republic Day function in Muktsar on January 26.

– 'Harassed' journalist attempts self-immolation. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006:4.

Mika Singh

The Oshiwara police in suburban Mumbai has registered a complaint of molestation filed by Bollywood item girl, Rakhi Sawant, against Mika, brother of singer Daler Mehndi. In her complaint Sawant alleged that she was dancing with her friends at an Andheri night club on June 10 when she was accosted by Mika.

– Kiss by Mika kicks up a row. *Tribune.* June 12, 2006: 1.

The Sessions Court in Mumbai on June 17 granted anticipatory bail to singer Mika Singh, who has been accused in a molestation case. Item girl Rakhi Sawant filed the case of molestation against Mika after he kissed her at his birthday party last week.

– Anticipatory bail for Mika. *Sunday Tribune.* June 18, 2006: 1.

Punjabi pop singer Mika Singh will entertain the tribal people of Kinnaur at the four-day tribal festival being organised in Reckong Peo from October 30.

– Mika to perform at tribal festival. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 9.

Milkha Singh

Former Olympian, Milkha Singh and his son, ace golfer, Jeev Milkha Singh, were felicitated for their contribution to sports during the Madhavrao Scindia Golf Tournament at the DLF Golf Course on February 25. Milkha and Jeev were presented mementoes by Jyotir Aditya Scindia, MP.

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– Milkha, Jeev felicitated. *Tribune.* February 26, 2006: 22.

Accepting an invitation from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Flying Sikh Milkha Singh will fly to Melbourne on March 21 to attend the "India Night" on March 23 and the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games on March 26. He will be accompanied by his wife Nirmal Milkha Singh.

– Milkha to fly to Melbourne. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 18.

Minhas, P.S. (Dr)

Dr P.S. Minhas, Project Coordinator at the Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, has been honoured with the Jain-INCID Krishi Sinchai Vikas Puraskar-2006.

– Karnal scientist honoured. *Tribune.* March 28, 2006: 7.

Mir, A.M. (Justice-retd)

Jammu and Kashmir State Human Rights Commission Chairman Justice (retd) A.M. Mir on July 31 resigned from this post citing "growing human rights violations" and "non-seriousness" of the State Government on the issue as the reason behind the decision.

– Rights panel chairman Justice Mir resigns. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006:6.

Mir, Ashraf

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ashraf Mir, one of 11 persons accused by teenager Yasmeena of raping her, was arrested by the CBI after he was identified by the girl during two Test Identification Parades (TIPs) in Srinagar, the sources said.

– DSP Ashraf held in sex racket. *Tribune.* June 05, 2006: 6.

Mir, G.A.

The arrest of former minister and sitting MLA, G.A. Mir by the CBI in connection with the alleged sex racket has come as a setback to not only the Congress but also Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad. Mir, who held the important portfolio of roads and buildings as a nominee of the Congress in the Government of Mufti Sayeed, is considered as member of the kitchen cabinet of Mr Azad.

– Mir's arrest setback to Azad. *Tribune.* June 23, 2006: 6.

Mir, Javid Ahamd

Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (Nanajit) Convener Javid Ahmad Mir was on June 22 taken into preventive custody along with 20 others for violating prohibitory orders, in Srinagar.

– JKLF convener Javid Mir, 20 others arrested. *Tribune.* June 23, 2006:6.

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Mirza, Sania

The prestigious Padma Shri award was conferred on Indian tennis sensation Sania Mirza on the eve of Republic Day on January 25.

– Sania gets Padma Shri. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 20.

Sania Mirza was back at her best as she shocked sixth seed Flavia Pennetta of Italy in straight sets in the women's singles first round of the $ 600,000 Gaz de France tennis event in Paris on February 7.

– Sania topples sixth seed. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 20.

Sania Mirza defeated Germany's Martina Muller 6-2, 6-2 to advance to the second round of the $ 175,000 Bangalore Open in Bangalore on February 14 night.

– Easy sailing for Sania. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006: 18.

India's Sania Mirza, partnering South Africa's Liezel Huber, annexed the doubles title at the WTA Bangalore Open in Bangalore on February 19 night. The second seeded pair beat Russians Elena Vesnina and Anastassia Rodionova 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the WTA Tier-III event at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association court.

– Sania-Huber win WTA title. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 18.

The burgeoning fan list of Sania Mirza has a new entry — US President George W Bush. The most powerful man on earth on March 3 confessed his admiration of the Indian tennis star to a gathering of the cream of Indian society.

– Bush is a Sania fan. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 22.

Sania Mirza's joy after being adjudged the WTA Newcomer of the Year 2005 was cut short as the Indian waged a two-hour, 39-minute marathon battle before going down to Georgian teenager Anna Tatishvili in the first round of the Miami Open.

– Sania crashes out. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 23.

Fourteenth seed Sania Mirza fought off a spirited challenge from American Shenay Perry to storm into the third round of the $ 200,000 DFS Classic in Birmingham on Wednesday.

– Sania wins. *Tribune.* June 15, 2006: 21.

Sania Mirza breezed past American wildcard entrant Alexa Glatch 6-2, 6-3 to set up a second round clash with fourth seed Lourdes Lino Dominguez of Spain in the $74,800 Forest Hills Open in New York.

– Sania enters second round. *Tribune.* August 25, 2006: 22.

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Sania Mirza breezed into the second round of the US Open tennis tournament by getting the better of higher ranked Karolina Sprem of Croatia. The 19-year-old Hyderabadi served with consistency and hit attacking groundstrokes to outplay her opponent, ranked 51 in the world, 6-4, 6-2.

– Sania storms into second round. *Tribune.* August 30, 2006: 18.

Sania Mirza is planning to start a tennis academy for budding players. She met Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy in this regard on September 16 and requested for allotment of five acres for establishing the academy.

– Sania plans to set up tennis academy. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 20.

Crowd favourite Sania Mirza played with complete control to clinch a straight set victory over compatriot Rushmi Chakravarthi in $175,000 WTA Sunfeast Open in Kolkata on September 19. Sania won 6-0, 6-4.

– Easy win for Sania. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 1.

Sania Mirza exacted sweet revenge by shocking world number 8 Martina Higis of Switzerland in the second round of the $145,000 Korea Open women's tennis tournament in Seoul on September 28. The 4-6, 6-0, 6-4 victory for the 19-year-old Indian came after her straight-set thrashing by Hingis before her home crowd in the Sunfeast Open semifinal at Kolkata last week.

– Sania turns the tables on Higis. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 1.

Sania Mirza crashed out against a lower seed Russian opponent in the quarterfinals of the USD 145,000 Tashkent Open Tennis tournament in Tashkent on October 6. The Indian, seeded third, was upset by sixth seed Olga Poutchkova 4-6, 6-4, 0-6.

– Sania crashes out. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006: 22.

Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna powered electrifying wins to blank Chinese Taipei 3-0 and lift the inaugural Asian Hopman Cup. The win also fetched India a berth in the main draw of the Hopman Cup to be held in Australia.

– India win Asian Hopman Cup. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 18.

The Chinese media has included Sania Mirza among the world's all-time 'Top 10 Tennis Beauties' along with Russian star Maria Sharapova and former player Gabriela Sabatini.

– Sania among top tennis beauties. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 18.

Sania Mirza kept herself on course for an Asian Games individual medal by entering the quarterfinals of women's singles at the A1 Khalifa International Stadium in Doha on December 10. The 19-year-old Indian tennis icon thrashed South Korea's Yoo Mi 6-1, 6-4 in an a lopsided encounter which

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lasted just 34 minutes.

– Sania breezes into last eight. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 18.

But India missed out on another tennis gold when their star player Sania Mirza got beaten in the women's singles final by higher-ranked Chinese opponent Jie Zheng 5-4, 1-6, 6-1 and settled for a silver. Indian star was brought down from her high pedestal by the second seed Jie Zheng in the 104-minute battle fought under scorching heat.

– Lee-Hesh on top. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 22.

Mishra, Ashok

Power major NTPC is caught in a piquant situation over appointment of Ashok Mishra, of its rival Reliance Industries, against which the PSU has moved court for effecting a gas supply agreement, as an Independent Director on its Board.

– RIL Director on rival NTPC Board. *Sunday Tribune.* February 12, 2006: 21.

Mishra, Brajesh

In an exclusive interview to the *Asian News International*, Mishra said that the so-called historic deal of bilateral reciprocity could end up compromising New Delhi's strategic interests and its status as a non-proliferating entity in the international community.

– Throw Indo-US N-deal into wastepaper basket: Brajesh. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006: 2.

Mishra, Maya

A local court has granted bail to Maya Mishra, Principal of Vishwas Senior Secondary School, and Rishi Gautam Vishwas, Chairman of the Vishwas Education Board, in connection with the infamous case of sexual harassment of girl students of the School.

– Bail for Vishwas School Principal, board chief. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 7.

Mishra, Nipendra

Former Department of Telecom Secretary, Nirpendra Mishra has been appointed Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) with effect from March 22. Mr Mishra will succeed Mr Pradip Baijal, who completes his three-year tenure on March 21.

– Mishra is Trai chief. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 15.

Newly appointed Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

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Nipendra Mishra takes charge in New Delhi on March 22. Committing himself to continue with the policies of his predecessor Pradeep Baijal, Mr Mishra said that there were no differences between TRAI and the Department of Telecom.

– Trai rules out tariff hike during lifetime schemes. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 17.

Mishra, R.C. (Dr)

The National Human Rights Commission has selected Dr R.C. Mishra's, latest book "Manavadhikar Sanrakshan" on conservation of human rights with special reference to the protection of rights of criminals. In this connection Dr Mishra was honoured at a function at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, by Commission Chairman, A.R. Savant.

– Dr Mishra's latest book acclaimed. *Tribune.* March 09, 2006: 3.

Mishra, S.C. (Dr)

Dr S.C. Mishra of the Physics Department and Dr Bhagwan Singh of the Geo-Physics Department were declared elected as President and Secretary of the Kurukshetra University Teachers Association (KUTA) in Kurukshetra on October 31.

– Mishra heads KUTA. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 6.

Mishra, S.N.

S.N. Mishra (76), former treasurer of the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation, died in Kanpur on Monday due to age-related ailments. He was the Secretary of the UP Amateur Boxing Association. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

– IABF official dead. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 20.

Misra, Anoop (Dr)

A young doctor of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences was always seen in the entourage of two Prime Ministers — P.V. Narasimha Rao and Atal Bihari Vajpayee — whether they were in India or abroad. They had reposed great trust in this man of medicine. It was widely believed in the Prime Minister's Office that he kept the two heads of government fit and young to withstand the stress of the high office. Dr Anoop Misra, now Professor in the Department of Medicine, is just 48 years. He was in his early thirties when he was deputed to help Rao recuperate from a heart bypass surgery and look after his day-to-day health. Having come to know of Dr Misra's professional excellence, Mr Vajpayee made him his personal physician. Dr Misra has now been conferred the prestigious Dr B.C. Roy

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Award, instituted in 1962 to perpetuate the memory of former West Bengal Chief Minister B.C. Roy, a great physician himself. The honour, considered equivalent to Arjuna Award, is in recognition of the best talents in different branches of Medicine.

– In the service of PMs and slum dwellers. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 13.

Misra, Naresh Chandra (Dr)

Leading surgical oncologist of the country, Dr Naresh Chandra Misra who is credited of being the founder of surgical oncology in the country, passed away on September 15 morning due to renal failure. In the early seventies he left a promising career as one of the few cancer surgeons at Sloan Memorial Kettering Cancer Centre, New York, to return to India and establish the discipline of surgical oncology in his alma mater - King George's Medical College.

– Dr Naresh Chandra Misra is dead. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006: 2.

Mitra, Ashish Kumar

Director-General of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) G.S. Rajgopal was on February 27 appointed Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Union Home Ministry in place of Ashish Kumar Mitra, who was made Director-General of BSF succeeding Mr R.S. Mooshahary who retired on February 27. The appointments were cleared by the Appointments' Committee of the Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister.

– Mitra is new BSF chief. *Tribune.* February 28, 2006: 2.

Mitra, D. (Col)

A general court martial (GCM) trying a Colonel for allegedly sexually assaulting a lady officer of his unit has acquitted him of all charges faced by him. The trial concluded at Tibri near Gurdaspur on December 17.

– GCM acquits Colonel in sexual assault case. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 1.

Mitra, Sugata (Dr)

Dr Sugata Mitra believes in the unconventional and the basic simplicity of everything complicated. Known the world over for his famous hole-in-the wall experiment, Dr Mitra, Chief Scientist with NIIT, has brought about a virtual revolution in computer teaching and learning.

– He brought virtual revolution in computer teaching. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 3.

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Mittal, B.M.

Mr B.M. Mittal, Chief General Manager, PNB, receives the Skotch award for change management from Minister for Panchayati Raj and Sports Mani Shankar Aiyar on March 28.

– *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 20.

Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas

The head of Mittal Steel, L.N. Mittal on Janaury 30 said that he did not plan to close Arcelor's steel plants in Europe, as he tried to win support for his Euro 18.6 billion ($23 billion) bid for the European steel giant.

– Mittal ready to discuss. *Tribune.* January 31, 2006: 15.

Jalandhar-born UK-based steel magnate, Lord Swraj Paul, on February 24 defended Lakshmi Niwas Mittal's Arcelor takeover bid. He, however, pointed out that the issue between the two steel giants should be resolved by shareholders of the two companies but without any "noise" from the governments of the four European countries.

– Let shareholders decide on Mittal bid, says Lord Paul. *Tribune.* February 25, 2006: 21.

NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal has been chosen for the 2007 Dwight D. Eisenhover Global Leadership Award on February 28 by a leading New York-based Business Council. Announcing this, the Business Council for International Understanding, a non-profit making US business association dedicated to forging relationships and promoting dialogue between business and government communities across the globe said "Mittal has transformed the fragmented steel industry into a global force for good in communities worldwide."

– Lakshmi Mittal to get Eisenhover Award. *Tribune.* March 01, 2006: 19.

Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal is the richest Indian while Microsoft Corporation Chairman Bill Gates with an estimated net worth of $50 billion retains his title as the richest man in the world for the 12th consecutive year.

– Lakshmi Mittal richest Indian, Gates tops Forbes list. *Tribune.* March 11, 2006: 21.

NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal has maintained his position as the richest Asian in Britain in 2006 with a fortune worth £ 14.8 billion.

– Mittal richest Asian in UK. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 17.

NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal was on April 23 declared the wealthiest person in Britain and the seventh richest in the world while as many as 30

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NRIs in the UK, including Lord Swraj Paul, had fortunes worth over $ 60 million each.

– 30 NRIs in Britain's top 1,000 rich. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 20.

Unfazed by the stiff opposition to his takeover bid, NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal on May 18 made his formal offer for acquiring the rival steel company Arcelor, which provides a chance for shareholders to determine the Luxembourg-based company's future.

– Lakshmi Mittal formally launches Arcelor bid. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006:17.

Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal will press ahead with his bid to acquire Arcelor, despite latest revelations that the Luxembourg-based group plans to merge with Russia's Severstal.

– Mittal adamant on bid. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 21.

Lakshmi N. Mittal would become the President of the new steel giant Arcelor-Mittal, while Arcelor's current Chairman, Joseph Kinsch, would continue to be in the position till his retirement.

– Mittal to become President of Arcelor-Mittal. *Tribune.* June 27, 2006:17.

According to *Forbes* magazine special report on India's 40 richest, NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal has maintained his top place with a networth of $25 billion.

– Mittal retains richest Indian tag. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 21.

NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal's wealth has gone up to £ 14.8 billion as he continued to reign as the richest person in Britain, according to a list published in a leading newspaper in London.

– Lakshmi Mittal tops UK's rich list. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 21.

Mr Laksmi N. Mittal has expressed confidence that the fast-growing economies of India and China would have a positive impact on the world economy. He was speaking at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Asia Society in New York on December 6 night that honoured him with its 'Leadership Award' for business acumne, entrepreneurship and tenacity, especially witnessed during his takeover bid of Arcelor.

– Gets 'Leadership Award'. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006:21.

India-born billionaire Lakshmi Mittal will pay Russia's Lukoil $980 million (Rs 4,410 crore) to buy 50 per cent stake in a Kazakhstan oil firm and may later transfer it to ONGC-Mittal Energy Ltd (OMEL), his venture with ONGC.

– Mittal to buy 50 pc in Kazakh oil firm. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 21.

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Mittal, Sanjay (Dr)

Dr Sanjay Mittal receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

- 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Mittal, Sunil Bharti

Managing Director of Ashok Leyland, R. Seshasayee was on April 19 elected President of CII while Sunil Bharti Mittal of Bharti Telecom became the Vice-President. Mr Seshasayee, who has been a member of the CII national council for 20 years, succeeds Mr Y.C. Deveshawar of ITC. Mr Seshasayee and Mr Mittal were declared elected at the annual session of the industry chamber on April 19.

- CII chief. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 15.

Bharti Airtel Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Sunil Bharti Mittal has won the 'CEO of the Year' at the Frost and Sullivan Asia Pacific ICT 2006 awards. Mittal has been given the award in the service provider category.

- CEO of the year. *Tribune.* June 19, 2006: 17.

Bharti Airtel CMD Sunil Mittal has received the prestigious honorary fellowship from the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) for contribution to the progress of electronics and telecom.

- Mittal gest fellowship from IETE. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006: 2.

Mittal, Vipul

A student of DAV School, Panipat Thermal Plant branch, Vipul Mittal has secured 98.6 per cent of marks in aggregate in Class X exam. He has got full marks in Maths, Science and Sanskrit, while his scoring in English and Social Science is 96 and 97 marks, respectively. This brought his total to all-time high 493 out of 500 marks.

- Panipat boy tops Class X exam with 98.6 pc. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 7.

Mittarpal Singh

Punjabi University Vice-Chancellor S.S. Boparai conferred the best coach of the year award on the University's cycling coach Mittarpal Singh at a function held in Patiala on August 19. The VC awarded a citation and Rs 21,000 to Mittarpal, who has been instrumental in leading Punjabi University to title wins in the All-India Inter-University cycling meets since 1994.

- Mittarpal receives best coach award. *Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 23.

Modi, Lalit

The Zee Group, promoted by Subash Chandra, on April 6 said it would sue BCCI Vice-president Lalit Modi for using "abusive and unparliamentary

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language" against Zee Sports CEO Himanshu Modi.

– Zee to sue Lalit Modi. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 18.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed in Jaipur on October 16 took potshots at BCCI Vice-President Lalit Modi, suggesting that the latter was not qualified enough to comment on matters of international cricket.

– Speed slams Modi. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 22.

Modi, Narendra

The Left parties on March 4 demanded the resignation of Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi after the Godhra panel's final report said the fire in the Sabarmati express was "accidental".

– Left parties demand Modi's resignation. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 2.

After taking blessings of several religious leaders, Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on April 16 began his 51-hour hunger strike in protest against the Centre's stand on the Sardar Sarovar Dam height issue.

– Modi begins fast; Medha Patkars effigy burnt. *Tribune.* April 17, 2006:2.

Welcoming the Supreme Court's observations that work on raising the height of Sardar Sarovar dam on the Narmada river should continue, Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on April 17 called off his 51-hour fast after observing it for 29 hours in Ahmedabad on April 17 evening, saying his objective of focussing on the public issue has been achieved.

– Modi breaks fast. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 2.

BJP chief Rajnath Singh's effort to put his party back on the Hindutava path notwithstanding, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) is of the view that Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi is a "more trustworthy" candidate to head the saffron outfit.

– VHP prefers Modi to head BJP. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 2.

The Shankracharya of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Jayendra Saraswati, conferred the ninth 'Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership' on Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi for what he terms as his "dedicated contribution in influencing and uplifting society" at a function organised by the South Indian Education Society (SIES) at the Shanmukhananda hall in Mumbai.

– Leadership award for Modi. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 2.

Mogya, Jugraj

In a dramatic event, notorious poacher, Jugraj Mogya, belonging to the dreaded

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Kesara gang engaged in the poaching and smuggling of tiger parts, surrendered to the police. Jugraj surrendered at the farm house of former Director-General of Police Shantanu Kumar on Monday. He was handed over to the Jotwara police and later arrested by the Special Operation Group. He was operating from Uliyan village near Ranthambore National Park.

– Poacher surrenders. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 2.

Mohammad Ali

Fifty-five-year-old Mohammad Ali of Charthawal village in Muzaffarnagar was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and fined Rs 10,000 for raping his daughter-in-law, a mother of five, in the much-talked about rape case last year. The case received wide media attention after an "extra judicial" caste panchayat had decided that the rape survivor had become "impure' as her husband had now become her 'son' and that she could marry the 'rapist'. Despite immense social pressure on the daughter-in-law to keep quiet, she not only dared to walk out of her martial home along with her husband and children, but also filed a criminal case against her father-in-law. He was arrested on June 15, 2005, three days after the filing of the FIR, and has since then remained behind bars in the Muzaffarnagar district jail.

– Father-in-law gets 10-yr jail for raping Imrana. *Tribune.* October. 20, 2006: 24.

Mohan, P.V.K. (Capt)

Capt P.V.K. Mohan, President of the Andhra Pradesh Billiards and Snooker Association, was unanimously elected as the President of the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI) at its annual general meeting held in Kolkata on September 16.

– BSFI office-bearers. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 18.

Mohan, Surendra

The turmoil in the JD(S) after a section in the Party aligned with the BJP to form ministry in Karnataka, has led to a virtual split in the Party with the camp led by Lok Sabha member M.P., Veerendrakumar on December 22 removing H.D. Deve Gowda as Party President and choosing veteran socialist Surendra Mohan in his place.

– Mohan replaces Gowda as JD(S) chief. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006:1.

Mohan Singh, Bhai

The mortal remains of Bhai Mohan Singh, founder of Ranbaxy Laboratories, were consigned to flames at the Lodhi cremation ground on March 28 morning. A large number of employees of Ranbaxy Laboratories, Max India

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and Fortis attended the cremation.

– Bhai Mohan Singh cremated. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 2.

Mohanty, B.H.

B.H. Mohanty, found guilty of raping the 26-year-old woman at a hotel in Alwar on the night of March 20, was sentenced to 7-yr RI. He was also fined Rs 10,000 by Additional District Judge R.K. Maheshwari of the fast-track court. Mohanty, an MBA student from Delhi, is the son of Orissa cadre Additional DGP, B.B. Mohanty.

– DGPs son gets 7 yrs for German girl's rape. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006:1.

Mohanty, J.K. (Lieut-Gen)

Lieut-Gen J.K. Mohanty has been nominated as the Colonel of the Dogra Regiment and Dogra Scouts. As Colonel of the Regiment, he will be responsible for all regimental affairs and the well-being of Dorga troops.

– Mohanty Colonel of Dogra Regiment. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006:3.

Mohanty, M.K.

Taking a serious note of rioting by Pakistani inmates in the high-security jail at Kot-Bhalwal in Jammu on December 17, the Jammu and Kashmir Government on December 18 removed the Director-General, Prisons, Mr M.K. Mohanty, from the post.

– Rioting: Jail DG shifted. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 6.

Mohinder Pal Singh (Prof)

Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Charanjit Singh Atwal on August 22 released a book "Why Americans Love Meditation and Sikhism", which brings out the true colour of religiousness, philosophically and psychologically. Written by Prof Mohinder Pal Singh, an academic council member of the London Diplomatic Academy, the book has won appreciation amongst scholars. Several MPs were present.

– Atwal releases book on Sikhism. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 2.

Mohta, Madhup

The Ministry of External Affairs clarifies that the allegations of human trafficking, etc. against Madhup Mohta have not been substantiated. Repeated references to the officer's alleged misdemeanours are neither fair nor warranted.

– Mohta not involved in scam: MEA. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 15.

Moitra, Bibek

Senior BJP leader and Pramod Mahajan's brother-in-law Gopinath Munde

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on June 3 claimed that Rahul and the late BJP leader's private secretary, Bibek Moitra, were "poisoned" as part of a deep-rooted conspiracy.

- He was poisoned, says Munde. *Sunday Tribune.* June 04, 2006: 2.

Mongia, Dinesh

Maintaining his brilliant form this season, Dinesh Mongia hits a sparkling unbeaten 132 to guide Punjab to a respectable 316 in the first innings against Andhra on the second day of the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-B match, being played at the ACA-VDCA stadium in Visakhapatnam on January 4.

- Mongia shines with bat, ball. *Tribune.* January 05, 2006: 19.

Skipper Dinesh Mongia's fabulous all-round performance helped Punjab emerge North Zone Ranji Trophy one-day tournament champions with a thumping eight wicket win over Himachal Pradesh in the last league match in New Delhi on February 18.

- Mongia stars in Punjab victory. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006:23.

Dinesh Mongia hits 165 to guide Leicestershire to a total of 417 in their first innings in the four-day County Championship Division Two match against Essex at Chelmsford on May 4.

- Mongia hits 165 for Leicester. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006: 20.

Mooshahary, R.S.

The government has cleared the volunatary retirement of Border Security Force (BSF) Director-General R.S. Mooshahary from February 27, a day before he retires from the service.

- VRS of BSF chief cleared. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 2.

More, Kiran

A day after stirring up a controversy by his remarks, outgoing Selection Committee Chairman, Kiran More, on September 13 denied having said that the selection system was biased.

- More goes into denial mode. *Tribune.* September 14, 2006: 18.

More, Sunil

Sunil More, a Mumbai police constable, who raped a 17-year old girl inside a police chowky in the city's Marine Drive promenade last year, has been sentenced to 12 years' rigorous imprisonment.

- Rapist cop gets 12 yrs; govt to seek life term. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006:1.

Mudgal, Puran

Sirsa-based poet and author Puran Mudgal has always believed in transcending lingual bariers through his writings. His book "Shabd Ke Aath

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Kadam" was based upon the lives and works of eight celebrated litteratures. Four each of Hindi and Punjabi. The book's uniqueness lay in the fact that it compiled the biographical sketches of writers of two different languages in a single volume.

– Not lost in translation. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 15.

Mufti Mohammad Sayeed

Self-rule could lead to solution of the Kashmir issue and present a way out to preserve sovereignty of India and Pakistan, People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mufti Mohammad Sayeed has said. This, he said, is the only way out to "eliminate the source of ethno-territorial conflict" in the sub-continent and intergrate the region with the fast moving global economy.

– Mufti harps on self-rule in J&K. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006:15.

Muivah, Thuingaleng

Top leader of NSCN-IM Thuingaleng Muivah, who arrived in New Delhi on December 20 night from Amsterdam, said he was hopeful of a breakthrough in his outfit's negotiations with the Government.

– Naga rebel leader arrives in India. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 2.

Mukesh Kumar

It was Mukesh, Mukesh and Mukesh. Yes this 39-year-old golfer from Mhow set the Chandigarh Golf Club greens ablaze returning a seven-under card of 65 and tied the course record with Jeev Milkha Singh and Arjun Singh on the second day of the Hero Golf Chandigarh Open in Chandigarh on April 19.

– Mukesh sets greens ablaze. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 18.

After a candid battle, which boiled down to a head-to-head with Uttam Singh Mundy and Mukesh Kumar, the marauder from Mhow, Mukesh, won the Hero Golf Chandigarh Open by the narrowest of margins at the Chandigarh Golf Club in Chandigarh on April 21. Despite carding of final round 1-over 73, Mukesh logged an over-all total of 12-under 276 for his one-stroke victory.

– Mukesh pips Mundy for golf title. *Tribune.* April 22, 2006: 22.

Mukesh Kumar fired a final round 68 to win the Rs 10 lakh ONGC Noida Open 2006 by five shots in Noida on April 28.

– Mukesh wins Noida Open. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 22.

Mukesh Kumar

Olympian Mukesh Kumar has decided to sell off his own residence to partly finance his proposed hockey academy to be set up in Hyderabad. The

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Hyderabad-based former forward, who converted the crucial penalty stroke in the 1998 Asian Games in Bangkok, enabling India to win the gold, is in the process of acquiring a five-acre plot for setting up a "standard hockey coaching facility", which requires Rs 28 lakh.

– Olympian to sell house for hockey academy. *Tribune.* April 28, 2006: 22.

Mukherjee, Hrishikesh

Veteran film maker Hrishikesh Mukherjee, who made and directed several memorable movies, including "Anand" that launched Amitabh Bachchan on the path to superstardom, died in Mumbai at a hospital in Mumbai following protracted illness. He was 84. Mukherjee directed many a blockbuster Hindi movie, regaling the audience with his typical "Hrishida" touch.. He won the coveted Dadasaheb Phalke Award and Padma Vibhushan. Some of his memorable films include "Guddi," "Anand", "Bawarchi," Abhimaan", "Chupke Chupke" and "Khubsoorat. The film industry has mourned the death of Mukherjee.

– Hrishikesh Mukherjee dead. *Tribune.* August 28, 2006: 1.

Mukherjee, Kajal

Soccer star of the 1960s, Kajal Mukherjee, died at a private hospital in Kolkata after a nine-month battle with lung cancer. Mukherjee, 64, died last night leaving behind a son. Rated as one of the best midfielders ever produced by the country, Mukherjee gained popularity for his silken skills and precision passing, and was adept in both defence and attack. He represented India in a pre-Olympic match in 1964 besides turning out in the national colours at the Bangkok Asian Games (1966).

– Mukherjee dead. *Tribune.* July 12, 2006: 20.

Mukherjee, Pranab

As Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee on February 15, sought to put to rest the raging controversy over the survey of Muslims in the Indian Army by saying that the Indian armed forces were totally "secular and apolitical".

– Exservicemen take to streets. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 1.

"Our armed forces are basically professional, apolitical, secular and most disciplined force... There is no question of compromising with the character of Indian Armed Forces," Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said replying to an hour-long impromptu discussion. Defence Minister said while sending questionnaires to ministries and government departments, Sachar Committee, appointed in March last, had sent the same to the armed forces also. The data so collected by the committee would address the reasons for

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backwardness of the minorities and would be useful to evolve appropriate policy framework to ameliorate their conditions.

– Govt, Opn clash over Muslim survey in forces. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 2.

The Defence Minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, who is also WBPCC (I) chief, on March 5 formed a separate front—the United Democratic Alliance (UDA)—in Bengal to contest the forthcoming Assembly elections in the state against the CPM-led Left Front as well as the BJP and the Trinamool Congress.

– Pranab floats new front ahead of Bengal poll. *Tribune.* March 06, 2006:2.

The BJP on April 7 demanded the resignation of Defence Minister, Pranab Mukherjee in the wake of CBI raids in connection with the Navy war-room leak, accusing him of misleading the country with his comment in Parliament that the secret information, which went out was merely commercial in nature.

– BJP asks Pranab to quit on Navy leak. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 24.

Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee is understood to have been told by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to represent India at the United Nations General Assembly session in New York in the third week of next month.

– Pranab to attend UN assembly. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 20.

Speaking at the Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mr Mukherjee said that post-9/11 Pakistan had reportedly helped the United States to fight terrorism along its western border with Afghanistan, but has done little on its eastern border with India.

– Pak remains nursery of global terrorism: Pranab. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 11.

General Musharraf should stick to his own commitment that he would not allow the Pakistani territory to be used by terrorists for activity in other countries, Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee told reporters in New York, September 27.

– India asks Pakistan to dismantle terror outfits. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 22.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh lightened his burden by drafting senior Congress leader Pranab Mukherjee to oversee the crucial External Affairs portfolio.

– Antony gets Defence — Pranab Mukherjee moved to External Affairs — Jai Prakash Yadav, Ambareesh sworn in. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006:1.

Mr Pranab Mukherjee has been handpicked to take along with Left on the

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issue in view of his keen negotiating skills and his excellent rapport with the Marxists.

– Pranab to take on Left Parties. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 1.

With India firmly rejecting the claim of the Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Yuxi in a television interview that Beijing considers Arunachal Pradesh as its territory, External affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee categorically said on November 14 that the State was an integral apart of India.

– Arunachal Pradesh ours, says Pranab. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 1.

Mukherjee, Rani

Rani Mukherjee bagged the Best Actress trophy for her portrayal of a deaf blind girl in 'Black', Amitabh Bachchan won the Best Actor award for his role as Debraj Sahai in the same movie, and Sanjay Leela Bhansali won the Best Director award on January 23 night. 'Black' also won four awards in technical category including Best Cinematographer for Ravi Chandran.

– 'Black' bags 10 Apsara movie awards. *Tribune.* January 23, 2006: 2.

General Motors India on March 2 said it has signed on leading Bollywood starts Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukherjee to endorse its midsized sedan Chevrolet Avero.

– 'Hum Tum' couple to endorse Chevrolet Avero. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006: 17.

Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukherjee picked up the best actor and best actress IIFA awards while Bhansali's victory in the best director category made it a clean sweep for 'Black'.

– 'Black' bags major IIFA awards. *Tribune.* June 18, 2006: 11.

Unlike her sweet screen image, it was a rude Rani Mukherjee who shocked mediapersons in Varanasi on November 13 evening on the sidelines of the shooting for a film. "There is no need to be bothered about my marriage — my parents are there to look after it," were some of the sound bytes that the mediapersons got to hear from a visibly annoyed Rani.

– Rude Rani shocks media. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 2.

Mukherjee, Shiv Shanker

India's Ambassador to Nepal Shiv Shanker Mukherjee on October 17 apprised Prime Minister Manmohan Singh about the latest developments in the Himalayan country in the context of failure of the Government and the Maoists to reach an understanding on arms management.

– Envoy to Nepal meets Manmohan. *Tribune.* October 18, 2006: 2.

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Mukherjee, Subrata

Former Kolkata Mayor of the Trinamool Congress, Mr Subrata Mukherjee will be the Congress candidate for the Rajya Sabha seat from West Bengal, which had fallen vacant following the expiry of the tenure of Mr Jayanta Bhattacharyya.

– Mukherjee is Cong nominee. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 2.

Mukul Dev (Lt-Col)

In a petition filed before the Delhi High Court, Lt Col Mukul Dev has contended that he was not being absorbed into the JAG Department despite the President's sanction being accorded for the same in September.

– Officer alleges disobedience. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006: 24.

Mulayam Singh

The results of the civic elections in Uttar Pradesh constitute a wakeup call for Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav and his Party. He is no longer assured of the Backward Muslim vote bank, which has been the Samajwadi Party's mainstay so far. The erosion in his traditional vote bank has not been accompanied or compensated by any accretion in the support from upper castes. So, at the end of the elections, Mr Yadav stands at the crossroads with little to show off.

– BSP holds the trump. *Tribune.* November 09, 2006: 10.

Munda, Arjun

Notwithstanding the claims of majority of Chief Minister Arjun Munda, the countdown of the fall of the BJP-led coalition government in Jharkhand appears to have begun after four ministers resigned on September 5, reducing the 18-month-old Government to a minority.

– Munda govt in crisis as 4 ministers quit. *Tribune.* September 06, 2006:1.

With odds heavily stacked against him, Jharkhand CM, Arjun Munda, was on September 6 asked to prove his majority in the Assembly in a week's time after he demanded that he be given an opportunity for a floor test.

– Munda gets week to prove majority. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 1.

Chief Minister Arjun Munda tendered his resignation marking a pre-mature exit of the 18-month-old NDA government in Jharkhand after failing to muster the required numbers to prove majority in the Assembly on September 14. The ruling NDA, which was reduced to a minority following the withdrawal of support to it by four Independent ministers last Tuesday, could produce only 38 MLAs, against 43 of the UPA.

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– Munda skips test, quits. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 1.

Munde, Gopinath

Senior BJP leader and former Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Gopinath Munde, fractured his left hand in a road accident at Parali, about 42 km from in Beed (Maharashtra), on December 30.

– BJP leader Munde hurt in road mishap. *Sunday Tribune.* December 31, 2006: 2.

Munshi, Shyan

Shyan Munshi, principal witness in the Jessica Lall murder case, was held on May 13 at the Calcutta airport while boarding a plane for Bangkok.

– Main witness of Jessica murder held for perjury. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006: 2.

Murmu, Salkhan

Chief convenor of Adivasi Adhikhar Manch (AAM) Salkhan Murmu on April 17 began a 52-hour fast at Sakchi in Jamshedpur to extend support to NBA protagonist Medha Patkar and actor Amir Khan and counter Gujarat Chief Minsiter Narendra Modi's 51-hourts fast.

– Adivasi leader begins fast. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 2.

Muthiah, A.C.

Former president of the Indian Cricket Board, A.C. Muthiah has been elected Chairman of the six-member committee which will choose the next President of the International Cricket Council in 2007.

– Muthiah to head ICC committee. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006: 22.

Muttemwar, Vilas

A rival candidate on January 30 challenged the election of Union Minister Vilas Muttemwar in the Supreme Court after the Bombay HC had rejected a petition against him.

– SC notices to Muttemwar, EC. *Tribune.* January 31, 2006: 2.

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Nachiketa, K. (Flight-Lieut.)

When Flight Lieutenant K. Nachiketa was shot down during the 1999 Kargil operations and taken prisoner by the Pakistani army before being dramatically released, many thought his flying days were over due to a spinal injury he sustained while ejecting from his MiG-27 fighter. But he has proved the sceptics wrong. Today a Squadron Leader, flying NA-32 transport air-craft, Nachiketa has been approved for promotion to Wing Commander and could rise even higher, his peers in the Indian Air Force say.

– IAF's Kargil hero Nachiketa soars higher. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006:12.

Nadira

Veteran actress Nadira died of cardiac arrest in Mumbai on February 9 morning. She was 75. She lived alone with her maid servant. The end came early this morning at the Bhatia Hospital in downtown Mumbai where Nadira had been hospitalised for the past fortnight following a paralytic stroke.

– Nadira passes away. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 1.

Nag Chowdhury, B.D.

Eminent nuclear scientist and former Vice-Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, B.D. Nag Chowdhury died of cerebral attack at his residence in Kolkata on June 25.

– N-scientist dead. *Tribune.* June 26, 2006: 1.

Nag, Rajat M.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Mr Rajat M. Nag as its new Managing-Director General from December 14, 2006. Mr Nag moves from his current position of Director General of ADB's South-East Asia Department, as well as concurrently Special Adviser to the ADB President on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration.

– ADB's chief. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 17.

Nagra, G.S. (Maj-Gen)

Major-General G.S. Nagra, a resident of Sector 28 in Chandigarh, passed away at the Command Hospital, Chandimandir, after a brief illness on September 13. Major-General Nagra shot to fame during the Bangladesh campaign when he became the first Indian General to enter Dacca on the morning of December 16.

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– 1971 war hero General nagra no more. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006:8.

Nagra, Kuljit Singh

Mr Kuljit Singh Nagra has been appointed as the President of the Punjab Pradesh Kisan Khet Mazdoor Congress.

– Nagra Punjab Khet Mazdoor Cong chief. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006:3.

At a function organised at Punjab Congress Bhawan in Chandigarh on October 11, Mr Kuljit Singh Nagra was installed as President of the Punjab Kisan and Khet Mazdoor Congress.

– Nagra installed head of Cong kisan wing. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 3.

Naidoo, Lutchmyamma

A 77-year-old grandmother of Indian origin has become the oldest politician to contest tomorrow's South African local government elections, the second such since the advent of new democracy in the post-Apartheid era. Lutchmyamma Naidoo is contesting the elections for the Independent Democrats (ID), a party headed by the fiery politician Patrician De Lille of Cape Town.

– Indian origin woman oldest to contest SA polls. *Tribune.* March 01, 2006:9.

Naidu, M.L. (Lt-Gen)

Lt-Gen M.L. Naidu, at present Commandant, Army War College will take over as GOC-in-C of the Army's Training Command from Lt Gen K.S. Jamwal.

– Gen Kapoor is new Army Vice-Chief. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 2.

Naidu, Niharika

Ms Niharika Naidu, wife of Lt-Gen M.L. Naidu, presently posted as Commandant, Army War College, Mhow, is a professional singer, who has enthralled audiences within and outside the country. Ms Naidu has made it her mission to perform regularly for the jawans under the aegis of Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA).

– She helps jawans smile. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 3.

Naik, Surupsingh

Former Maharashtra Transport Minister Surupsingh Naik, who resigned from his post late Friday night, surrendered before the police early on May 13 to serve a one-month jail sentence imposed by the Supreme Court.

– Indicted ex-minister sent to jail. *Sunday Tribune.* May 14, 2006: 2.

Nair, M.V.

The Centre has appointed Mr M.V. Nair as Chairman and Managing Director

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(CMD) of the Union Bank of India from the date of his taking charge of the post on, or after, April 1. Mr Nair is presently the CMD of Dena Bank.

– Union Bank CMD. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 21.

Nakai, Sandeep

Sandeep Nakai of the Associated Press was elected chairman of the AIPS Hockey Commission at the quadrennial elections held on the sidelines of the ongoing hockey World Cup.

– Philar on AIPS hockey panel. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006:22.

Nalini

Nalini, one of the convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, on October 27 moved the Madras High Court, seeking a direction to the Tamil Nadu Government, to consider her premature release from prison.

– Rajiv case convict seeks release. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 24.

Nalini Singh

Nalini Singh, whose New Delhi-based media company TV Live runs Nepal 1 created a furore on December 21 when she allegedly insulted a reporter and was slapped by the victim. Nalini reportedly called Anjana Rawal, a Nepali reporter covering women's issues for the channel, a "bitch" and asked her to "eat" her shoes. "Who do you think you are to be dressing so grandly, a princess?" Nalini reportedly said. "Eat my shoes for lunch, you bitch. All Nepalis are like you."

– Nalini Singh slapped in Nepal. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006: 11.

Senior Indian journalist Nalini Singh on December 22 termed as "malicious" and "baseless" news reports that she had made derogatory remarks about Nepal or its people, as alleged by a reporter in Kathmandu quoted in the local media. "All comments attributed to me are wrong, malicious, vicious, baseless and motivated", Singh told IANS in New Delhi on her arrival from Kathmandu.

– IANS regrets Kathmandu story on Nalini Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006: 11.

Nambiar, K.T.G. (Maj-Gen)

A general court martial (GCM) has found Major-General K.T.G. Nambiar guilty of corrupt practices and professional impropriety. He has been sentenced to three years loss of seniority for the purpose of pension and awarded a severe reprimand. The court's verdict has been sent to higher authorities for confirmation.

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– Maj-Gen found guilty of corruption. *Tribune.* May 18, 2006: 15.

Nambiar, Vijay Kunhianandan

Veteran Indian diplomat Vijay Nambiar has been appointed special adviser to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan with the rank of Under-Secretary General.

– Nambiar is Annan's special adviser. *Tribune.* March 06, 2006: 9.

The revival of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) is timely, says Deputy National Security Adviser Vijay Kunhianandan Nambiar, who is going to join UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as a Special Adviser. Mr Nambiar has been looking at the national security scenario from close quarters for several decades, having been India's Ambassador to Pakistan, China and Afghanistan. After the Kargil conflict and 9/11, he manned the National Security Council Secretariat as its Secretary and then became the DNSA in April, 2005.

– JIC will impart rigour to the system: Nambiar. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006:12.

Namdhari, Inder Singh

Speaker Inder Singh Namdhari resigned on "moral grounds" on September 15 evening. "Since the Speaker is generally chosen by the ruling party, I do not have any moral authority to continue on the post after the fall of the NDA government," he added.

– Speaker resigns. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 20.

Nanda, A.K.

Mr A.K. Nanda, Technical Adviser, Haryana State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills, has been elected Vice-President of the Sugar Technologists Association of India, for 2006-2008.

– *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 7.

Nandrajog, Kiran

'Nirali', the pilot project of the Chetak Sahara Yojana, on Friday gave an emotional send-off to Ms Kiran Nandrajog, president, Chetak AWWA. She was accorded a warm farewell by the Nirali family on the eve of her departure from the station. Mrs Nandrajog had founded the 'Nirali' project.

– Farewell to AWWA chief. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 4

Nandwal, A.S. (Dr)

Dr A.S. Nandwal, Senior Plant Physiologist at CCS Haryana Agricultural University, has been conferred with the Bharat Jyoti Award in recognition

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of his achievements in the field of science and technology. He was presented with the award by the Haryana Assembly Speaker, Dr Raghubir Singh Kadyan, at a function organised by the Indian International Friendship Society in New Delhi recently.

– Award presented. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 7.

Nandwani, Manmohan

Mr Manmohan Nandwani took over as the Chief Operating Officer of Spice Telecom for Punjab Circle on September 1. Before this assignment, he was the President and COO of the international business division at Shyam Telecom.

– *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 20.

Nanu Raju

A 47-year old Indian from Kerala has been honoured for his act of bravery after he rescued five persons from a sinking vessel that killed 55 persons, including 21 Indians, in the worst such tragedy in Bahrain. Nanu Raju rescued the survivors and used a mobile phone to call emergency when the vessel with 150 people on board capsized on March 30.

– Indian honoured. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 13.

Naqvi, Mukhtar Abbas

BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi took exception to US security personnel taking their sniffer dogs on the pathway around Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi, saying it had hurt the sentiments of the people.

– Fernandes, Naqvi take exception to entry of dogs. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 2.

In a candid admission, BJP Vice-President, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, on October 19 admitted that no political party, including his own, had the political will to ask for a time-bound reservation policy. The BJP Vice-President maintained that the Constitution do not allow reservations to continue for an indefinite period.

– Political will on time-bound quota lacking, says Naqvi. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 2.

Narang, Chander Prakash

Mr Chander Parkash Narang, a veteran educationist, was honoured with the Het Ram Sharma Memorial Award 2006 by Mr Sunil Jakhar, Parliamentary Secretary at GD Senior Secondary School in Abohar on December 3 night.

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- Two get Het Ram Sharma award. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 4.

Narang, Gagan

Indian shooters fired on target on the opening day of the event clinching three gold and one silver medal from the five pair events at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 17. Gagan Narang and Abhinav Bindra won the gold in the men's 10m air rifle pairs events, in the process setting a new games record with a total of 1189.

- Indian shooters steal the show. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 1.

There were more cheers in store for India as Gagan Narang clinched his third gold winning men's 10th air rifle individual event with a record score of 698.9 (597+101.9) points.

- Jung wins fourth gold. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 18.

Gagan Narang and Abhinav Bindra added to India's bounty with a thrilling 1-2 finish in the 50m file 3 position of the Commonwealth Games shooting competition in Melbourne on March 24.

- Narang clinches gold; Samresh Jung misses record. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 22.

Fresh from his Commonwealth success, Indian shooter Gagan Narang on March 27 upset China's Liu Tianyou to win the gold medal in the 10m air rifle event at the World Cup in Guangzhou and book a berth for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Narang collected 597 points in the qualification round and 103.2 in the final, overcoming stiff competition from the local favourite.

- Narang books Olympic berth. *Tribune.* March 28, 2006: 19.

A string of impressive performances has catapulted Gagan Narang to the top of the world rankings in the men's 10m air rifle category in the latest list announced by the International Shooting Sport Federation.

- Narang on top of the world. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 19.

Ace shooter Gagan Narang shot his personal best score of 595 in the MQS category of men's 50m Rifle Prone event at the ISSF World Cup in Milan, Italy to qualify for the event at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008.

- Narang books 2nd Olympic quota berth. *Tribune.* June 04, 2006: 22.

Gagan Narang clinched the bronze in the men's 50m rifle three position event of the Asian Games shooting competition in Doha on December 7.

- Narang bags bronze medal. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 22.

Narang, P.D.

Dabur India Group Director, P.D. Narang, was on May 11 appointed

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Chairman of Punjab Tractors Ltd (PTL) at the Company's Board meeting in New Delhi on May 11 evening. He succeeds Mr S.K. Tuteja, who was non-executive chairman," company sources said.

– P.D. Narang new PTL Chairman. *Tribune.* May 12, 2006: 19.

Narang, T.D. (Dr)

Dr T.D. Narang, a senior professor of Mathematics at GNDU, has taken over as Dean, Academic Affairs, while Professor Sarup Singh, Head of the Guru Ram Das School of Planning, assumed the charge of Dean, Students Welfare of Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU).

– New Deans appointed. *Tribune.* August 22, 2006: 13.

Narasimha, K.

The IT Department has charged Mizoram Excise Secretary, K. Narasimha under the Wildlife Act after a large amount of skins and parts of bodies of endangered animals were seized from his residence at Hyderabad on Wednesday.

– Excise Secy charged. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 2.

Narayan, Ajit

Mr Ajit Narayan, Director-General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, who is slated to retire on July 31, was on July 28 given farewell by police officials from Kangra, Chamba and Una districts, in Dharamsala.

– DGP Narayan given farewell. *Tribune.* July 29, 2006: 9.

Narayan, R.K.

The birth centenary of R.K. Narayan, one of the literary greats of India, will be celebrated with the launch of a special edition of his autobiography, *My Days,* in Chennai on Tuesday.

– Special edition of My Days to be released today. *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006: 13.

Narayana Murthy, N.R.

Infosys Chairman and Chief Mentor, N.R. Narayana Murthy, has undisputedly emerged as India's "most admired leader" for the fifth consecutive time in the fifth annual B-School study by brand-comm.

– Narayanan Murthy. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 21.

Mr N.R. Narayana Murthy said on June 10 that he would step down as Chairman and Chief Mentor of Infosys Technologies Limited on August 20, the day he turns 60, and made it clear that he was ready to continue as non-executive Chairman of the company.

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– Narayana Murthy to step down. *Sunday Tribune.* June 11, 2006: 21.

N.R. Narayanan Murthy will be a non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors after his retirement on August 20. The Company, in a release in Bangalore, said the Board, which met in Bangalore on July 11, resolved to appoint Mr Murthy as an Additional Director with effect from August 21.

– Narayanan Murthy to be non-executive Chairman. *Tribune.* July 13, 2006: 17.

India's IT icon and Infosys Chief Mentor N.R. Narayana Murthy will join the Board of Trustees of TiE Inc (Global), a worldwide network of entrepreneurs and professionals dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship. TiE, one of the largest entrepreneurial organisations, had 44 chapters in nine countries and a membership base of over 12,000.

– Narayana Murthy. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 16.

IT major Infosys Chairman N.R. Narayana Murthy on August 20 retired from the service of the company, which he had launched as a small firm in the city in 1981 and took it to enviable heights. Mr Murthy turned 60 on August 20 and as per the company's corporate governance policy, he relinquished his executive post.

– Narayana Murthy retires from Infosys. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 17.

A month after saying he would have to check his diary before taking up Karnataka CM, H.D. Kumaraswamy's offer to head the state Vision Group on Information Technology (IT), Infosys Chief Mentor N.R. Narayana Murthy has taken up the offer.

– Murthy to head IT Vision Group. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006: 17.

N.R. Narayana Murthy, who stepped down as Executive Chairman of Infosys last month, says he is keen on taking up professorship as he would be in the company of younger people. "A professorship appeals very much because I enjoy being with younger people," Mr. Narayana Murthy said in an interview published in *The Daily Telegraph* on September 16.

– "He's keen on professorship". *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 10.

A CII-spearheaded "Integrity India Campaign" against corruption was launched in Bangalore on October 19, with IT icon N.R. Narayana Murthy advocating a simple life and lashing out at bureaucrats and corporates for being "more corrupt than the poorest of the poor."

– Murthy launches CII drive against graft. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 19.

Chief Mentor of Infosys N.R. Narayan Murthy on December 1 supported the joint venture between Bharti Enterprises and Wal-Mart, saying that the

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Indian partner would benefit from the world's largest retail chain's expertise and technology.

– Murthy hails Wal-Mart, Bharti joint venture. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006: 21.

Narayana Rao, Dasari

Dasari Narayan Rao is among the political heavyweights who were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on March 20. The deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended on March 20 for the biennial elections to fill 59 seats from 15 states.

– Arjun, Bhardwaj, Shinde elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

Union Minister of State for Coal and well-known Telugu film personality D. Narayana Rao has been accused of dowry harassment by this daughter-in-law. Twentynine-year-old Susheela has alleged at a press conference in Hyderabad that the police is not acting on her complaint against her husband Taraka Hari Hara Prabhu (34) and her in-laws Narayana Rao and Padma.

– Minister harasses daughter-in-law. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 2.

Narayanan, M.K.

National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan will leave for China later this week for holding eighth round of special representative-level talks with his Chinese counterpart, Dai Bingguo on resolving the boundary dispute.

– Narayanan to visit China. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006: 20.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on October 23 trained its guns on National Security Adviser, M.K. Narayanan accusing him of weakening India's case against the ISI by declaring New Delhi did not possibly have "clinching" evidence of the Pakistani secret service's involvement in the Mumbai blasts.

– Narayanan has damaged case against Pak: BJP. *Tribune.* October 24, 2006: 2.

Narayen, Sanjay

Sanjay Narayen, a senior official of the Civil Aviation Ministry who was also in charge of the modernisation of several airports in the country, resigned this morning after apparently being upset over being superseded in service.

– Sanjay Narayen quits service. *Tribune.* September 13, 2006: 20.

Narend Singh

An Indian origin provincial minister in South Africa, Narend Singh, embroiled in a sex scandal, resigned on March 21 after video tapes allegedly showing

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him in a compromising position with a married woman circulated among politicians and the media.

– Minister of Indian origin quits over sex scandal. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 9.

Narender Kumar

Indian grapplers won five medals, including two gold, by the end of the third day of the sixth Asian Cadet Wrestling Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. Narender Kumar and Apporva Tyagi, competing in 50 kg men's freestyle and 40 kg women's freestyle, respectively, clinched the gold medals for India.

– Indian grapplers bag two gold. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 22.

Narendra, A.

The resignation of Union Labour Minister, K. Chandrashekhar Rao, and Minister of State for Rural Development, A. Narendra was delivered to the Prime Minister's office as the Centre failed to concede their demand or make an unambiguous statement about carving out a Telengana State.

– 2 ministers resign on Telengana. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 1.

Narlikar, Jayant Vishnu

Has the life on earth come from "outer space"? It may have, claims noted astro-physicist, Jayant Vishnu Narlikar. If his claim is true, then for the first time we have evidence that the life really does exist beyond Planet Earth and there is a possibility that life on Earth has come from the outer space.

– Another feather in the cap of Jayant Narlikar. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 13.

Narwal, Neha

Neha Narwal of Karnal district has been selected for the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement for 2005, instituted by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development. The award comprises Rs 10,000, a silver medal, a citation and a certificate.

– Karnal girl selected for national award. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 8.

Nataraj, R.

On the face of it, the Election Commission is to transfer Chennai Police Commissioner, R. Nataraj for having violated the model code of conduct cannot be faulted. In an interview to a newspaper, he has hailed Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa as the "Best Chief Minister". He also claimed that

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law and order was "best maintained in the State under her leadership". The commission felt that Mr Nataraj has acted in a highly partisan manner, showing his political preferences towards the AIADMK leadership. As a result, he could not ensure free and fair elections in the Greater Chennai area consisting of 20 Assembly constituencies. The Commission has ordered that the should be shifted to a "non-elective post".

– EC gets tough. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 10.

It is now a case of sheer embarrassment for the Tamil Nadu Government as the Election Commission ordered that it shift the most prestigious police officer of the State, the Chennai City Police Commissioner R. Nataraj for violating the model code of conduct.

– EC transfers Chennai Police Commissioner. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006:24.

Two days after issuing a notification for the Assembly polls in Tamil Nadu, the Election Commission (EC) on April 15 directed the State Government to forward, by April 18, a panel of three IPS officers for replacing Chennai Police Commissioner R. Nataraj.

– EC wants Chennai Police Commissioner replaced. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 2.

Nathu Ram

Nathu Ram, who passed away on Friday night in a Faridkot hospital, was not an ordinary peon. Father of four international women hockey players, including Olympian Rupa Saini. This illustrious man of 80 died "unknown" on a day when the "political might" of the State had descended on Badal and Moga, the areas Nathu Ram had served all his life.

– Proud father of women hockey stars is no more. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006: 8.

Natwar Singh, K.

Former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh, who was forced to quit the Government after the Volcker controversy and was already dropped from the party's Steering Committee, has not found a place in the reconstituted CWC. His old job as chairman of the AICC foreign affairs department has now gone to the senior leader, Karan Singh, who retains his place as permanent invitee to the CWC.

– Natwar not included in revamped CWC. *Tribune.* January 07, 2006: 1.

The Enforcement Directorate on February 17 questioned Natwar Singh for his alleged involvement in Iraq's oil for food scam. Sources said the former External Affairs Minister was questioned for over two hours at the

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directorate's office on February 17 evening.

– ED questions Natwar. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 24.

Justice R.S. Pathak Inquiry Authority has issued a second notice to K. Natwar Singh, his son Jagat Singh and some others in connection with the probe into the Volcker Committee report that had named him and the Congress party as beneficiaries in the UN oil-for-food programme in Iraq.

– Justice Pathak issues second notice to Natwar, others. *Tribune.* April 25, 2006: 14.

The Congress has taken a serious view of former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh's recent statements implicating the party in the Volcker controversy. However, it is unlikely to proceed against him in a hurry.

– Cong unhappy over Natwar's remarks. *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 24.

The Pathak Inquiry Authority, probing the Indian angle in the UN oil-for-food scam, on May 31 examined former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh.

– Pathak panel examines Natwar. *Tribune.* June 01, 2006: 15.

The Justice R.S. Pathak Inquiry Authority that went into the allegations against former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh and the Congress party that they were the beneficiaries in the UN oil-for-food programme bungling during sanctions on Iraq as referred to by the Volcker Committee, on August 3 submitted his report to the Prime Minister.

– Justice Pathak submits report to Manmohan Singh. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 1.

The Justice R.S. Pathak Inquiry Authority report into Iraq's Oil for Food scandal tabled in Parliament on August 7 indicted former Union Minister K. Natwar Singh and gave a clean chit to the Congress.

– Pathak report indicts Natwar, gives clean chit to Congress. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 1.

The letter written by former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh helped Andaleeb Sehgal to secure the oil contract from Iraqi authorities.

– Letter crucial evidence against Natwar: Pathak. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 2.

Former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh has said the notice of breach of privilege motion given by him in the Rajya Sabha was against the office of the Prime Minister and not against Dr Manmohan Singh. It is a question of propriety. There was only one copy of the Pathak report and within minutes it was all over the press," he said.

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– Notice against PMO, 'not Manmohan'. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 2.

Former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh's long association with the Congress is all set to end with the party suspending him from its primary membership for indiscipline. The party also served a showcause notice to Mr. Natwar Singh, asking him to explain the notice for privilege motion given by him in the Rajya Sabha against Prime Minister Manmohan Singh over the 'leak' of Pathak Authority's report.

– Congress suspends Natwar. *Tribune.* August 09, 2006: 1.

Seeking to defend his case in the Volcker controversy, former External affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh, who has been suspended from the Congress, on August 9 cited a communication to the government by Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the United Nations saying that the UN-appointed Independent Inquiry Committee (IIC) had the inclination to discredit the opponents of US policy.

– Key inputs ignored: Natwar. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 1.

After launching a personal tirade against Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, a mellow and friendless Natwar Singh on August 10 sought an appointment with him and Congress President Sonia Gandhi in a belated attempt to mend fences with them.

– Natwar relents, wants to meet PM. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 22.

Suspended Congress member Natwar Singh did not get permission in the Rjaya Sabha on August 11 to make a personal explanation on his indictment by the Justice Pathak Inquiry Authority, leading to vociferous protests from the Opposition and adjournment of the House twice.

– Not allowed to speak in RS. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 2.

Rajya Sabha chairperson Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee have ruled: the leak of the Justice R.S. Pathak Enquiry Authority report did not amount to any breach of privilege of Parliament. With this, former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh lost an opportunity to tell the world how lily white he was despite all the proof the Authority had unearthed about his involvement in the oil-for-food scam.

– End of a drama. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 12.

Suspended Congress leader K. Natwar Singh's long-standing links with the ruling party and the Nehru-Gandhi family are being gradually severed, the latest being his removal as editorial board chairman of the *Congress Sandesh*, the party's mouthpiece, and the Rajiv Gandhi Sadhbhavna award committee.

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– Natwar dropped from Cong editorial board. *Sunday Tribune.* August 27, 2006: 2.

After being indicted by the Justice R.S. Pathak Inquiry Authority in the Iraqi oil-for-food scam, K. Natwar Singh, suspended from the Congress along with his son Jagat Singh, was on September 3 issued notice by the Enforcement Directorate seeking his reply.

– ED notices to Natwar, Jagat Singh. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006: 1.

Natwar Singh on October 29 launched a frontal attack on Congress President Sonia Gandhi saying that she was behind his recent problems with the Enforcement Directorate in the Iraqi oil-for-food scam. "Everything that the government did against me was on Sonia's direction. I will not blame Manmohan Singh," he told Star News.

– Sonia behind my problems, says Natwar. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 2.

Naushad Ali

Naushad Ali, one of the greatest music directors of Indian cinema who composed hit songs like 'Mohabbat ki jhooti kahani pe roye' ("Mughal-e-Azam") and 'Duniya mein hum aaye hain to jeena hi padega' ("Mother India"), died in Mumbai on May 5 at the age of 86. Naushad, who composed music for most films of thespian Dilip Kumar and songs penned by Shakeel Badayuni, died at Nanavati Hospital where he was admitted on April 20 after complaining of uneasiness. He suffered a cardiac arrest this morning and passed away.

– Naushad dies at 86. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 1.

Naushad Ali symbolised an age of film music when melody always scored over rhythm. Drawing from the vast repertoire of Indian classical music, Naushad Ali crafted one masterpiece after another through the 1940s and 1950s, the golden age of Indian film music. Beginning his career as a repairer of musical instruments, Naushad Ali hit Mumbai a year before the Second World War broke out in Europe. After the mandatory rounds of struggle which saw him sleep on the city's footpaths, Ali didn't have to wait long. His first film, 'Uncha Nagar' (1940) was a hit. And with 'Ratan', two years later, Naushad Ali emerged as a formidable music composer.

– Naushad — master of melodious masterpieces (Obituary). *Tribune.* May 06, 2006:2.

Navika Kumar

The Prem Bhatia Memorial Trust award, set up in the memory of former Editor-in-Chief of *the Tribune*, for 2006 has been awarded to Navika Kumar

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of *The Times of India* group for her political reporting on major Indian developments in the past year, followed by her disclosures in the Navin Chawla Trust.

– Navika of TOI gets Prem Bhatia award. *Tribune.* April 21, 2006: 2.

The Prem Bhatia Award for Excellence in Political Reporting and Analysis was given to Navika Kumar for her investigative reports and Atual Chandrakant Deugankar for his reports on environmental issues.

– Prem Bhatia awards presented. *Tribune.* May 09, 2006: 14.

Navneet Kaur

In a courageous step, Navneet Kaur, a girl of a dera in Assandh of Karnal district, has refused to marry Hardaman Singh Bhinder, a boy of Nilokheri, as he had demanded Honda City car from her family in dowry.

– Girl refuses to marry dowry-seeker. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 1.

In a significant development Navneet kaur, who had refused to marry a dowry-seeking boy of Nilokheri on February 8, tied knot with a boy of Karnal on February 9. The marriage was solemnised between Navneet and Davinder Singh at the Milan Palace, Assandh, which had earlier been booked for her marriage with the Nilokheri boy.

– Navneet's courage wins new groom. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006:1.

Nawab Singh

Mr Nawab Singh, District and Sessions Judge (D&SJ), Rohtak, will be the new Registrar-General of the Punjab & Haryana High Court. He comes in place of Mr M.S. Sullar, who has been appointed Legal Remembrance (LR), Haryana.

– High Court gets new Registrar-General. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 17.

Nayak, Daya

Giving a reprieve to Mumbai Police's encounter specialist Daya Nayak and his wife Komal, a special court on January 25 restrained the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) from arresting them till January 27 in a case of disproportionate assets.

– ACB restrained from arresting Daya Nayak. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006:2.

Suspended police officer Daya Nayak and his associate Rajendra Padte suffered a major setback on February 8 when the Bombay High Court rejected their plea for anticipatory bail.

– Daya Nayak's bail plea rejected. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 1.

Mumbai police's encounter specialist Daya Nayak, who had become a terror

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for underworld operatives and currently being sought in a disproportionate assets (DA) case, on February 14 got a temporary reprieve from the Supreme Court against arrest.

– SC reprieve for Nayak. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006: 1.

Encounter specialist, Sub-Inspector Daya Nayak has been declared an absconder after he failed to surrender before the police.

– Daya Nayak declared absconder. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006:1.

Mumbai police's encounter specialist Sub-Inspector Daya Nayak on February 20 surrendered before the Sessions Court before the expiry of a 12-noon deadline ordered by the Court.

– Daya Nayak surrenders. *Tribune.* February 21, 2006: 20.

Nayeemuddin, Syed

Unhappy over India's dismal performance in the first two qualifying matches of the Asian Cup Football Tournament, the AIFF on March 9 sacked the national team's coach Syed Nayeemuddin, manager P.K. Banerjee, assistant coach Gabriel Joseph and goalkeeping coach Atanu Bhattacharya.

– Nayeemuddin, Banerjee sacked. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 23.

Nazuk Kumar

Nazuk Kumar, a 10th class student of Carmel Convent School, Sector 9, Chandigarh, has been awarded "National Bal Shree Award" in the field of creative scientific innovations for 2005 by the President.

– National Bal Shree Award for city student. *Tribune.* May 23, 2006: 3.

Negi, Bal Krishan

A local journalist, Bal Krishan Negi (42), associated with Doordarshan and All India Radio died of cardiac arrest at his Barang village in Kinnaur district, on September 16 night. The Tribal Journalists Association of Kinnuar, Lahaul and Spiti condoled his death.

– Journalist dead. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 9.

Negi, Parimarjan

Parimarjan Negi became the youngest International Master of the country with a fantastic victory over Grandmaster Sergei Erenburg of Israel in the fourth round of the Masters section of Hastings International Chess Congress in Hastings. Twelve-year-old Negi, who had been on the brink of getting the IM title for quite some time finally made the grade as he now stands to gain a staggering 30 ELO rating points from the first four rounds of this traditional event.

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– Negi is India's youngest IM. *Tribune.* January 02, 2006: 18.

Enjoying the elevated status of an International Master, Parimarjan Negi held Grandmaster Milos Pavlovic of Serbia and Montenegro to an easy draw in the fifth round of the masters section of the Hastings International Chess Congress in Hastings.

– Negi holds Serbian GM. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 18.

Adding another feather in his cap, child prodigy Parimarjan Negi became India's youngest Grandmaster norm holder when he drew his game with higher-ranked Grandmaster Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine in the ninth round of the Hastings Chess Conference in Hastings on January 6.

– Negi's feat. *Tribune.* January 07, 2006: 22.

Country's youngest-ever GM-norm holder Parimarjan Negi played an excellent game to upset Grandmaster Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh in the fourth round of Parsnath International Open Chess Tournament in New Delhi on January 17.

– Negi, wins. *Tribune.* January 18, 2006: 18.

Double Grandmaster norm holder Parimarjan Negi gave himself the best birthday present by scoring a fluent win over former women's world champion Zhu Chen of China in the first round of Group 'A2' in the Aeroflot International Open Chess Tournament at Hotel Delta-Gamma.

– Negi begins with win. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 18.

Parimarjan Negi continued his winning ways to defeat Sergio Navarrete of Spain and remained in joint lead after the third round of the Hogeschool Zeeland International Chess Tournament in Vlissingen.

– Negi stays in joint lead. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 18.

Parimarjan Negi continued with his fine run to score a thumping victory over eighth seed Grandmaster Konstantin Landa of Russia in the sixth round of Hogeschool Zeeland International Chess Tournament in Vlissingen. The victory helped the 13-year-old Indian to remain in joint lead on 5.5 points in the nine-round tournament being played in Swiss format.

– Negi on song. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 20.

Parimarjan Negi went down to second seed Grandmaster Michal Krasenkow of Poland in the eighth round to bow out of the championship race in the Hogeschool Zeeland International Chess Tournament in Vlissingen.

– Negi loses to Krasenkow. *Sunday Tribune.* August 13, 2006: 23.

Grandmaster Parimarjan Negi showed his class by managing to draw with

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black pieces against Kateryna Lahno in the opening round of The Amity Grandmasters' Challenge match-play event in New Delhi on December 17.

- Negi shows his class. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 18.

Pushed to the wall by an unrelenting Kateryna Lahno, world's youngest Grandmaster Parimarjan Negi hit back with vengeance as he scored two consecutive wins in three rapid games to keep his hopes alive in the Amity Grandmaster Challenge in New Delhi on December 24.

- Negi reduces lead. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 18.

Negi, S.C.

Fiftysix-year-old S.C. Negi, an Additional Deputy Inspector General (ADIG) posted at the BSF Frontier head-quarters in Jammu, created history when he led a 14-member team to Everest's 8,848 metre summit last month, the first such attempt by the border force. Born in Nesang village in Himachal Pradesh's mountainous Kinnaur district, ADIG Negi has had a special attachment with the snowy, but treacherous peaks of the Himalayas and always dreamt of reaching its top.

- Oldest Indian scales Mt Everest. *Tribune.* June 24, 2006: 24.

Neha

Uberoi sisters — Shikha and Neha — pulled off a major upset when they came from behind to topple the top seeded Russian duo of Galina Voskoboeva and Anastassia Rodionova 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 to move into the second round of the doubles event at the $ 175,000 Bell Challenge in Quebec City.

- Uberoi sisters stun top seeds. *Tribune.* November 03, 2006: 20.

Nehwal, Saina

Young Saina Nehwal on May 28 scripted history, becoming the first Indian woman ever to win a four-star badminton event by clinching the singles title in the prestigious Philippines Open.

- Saina wins Philippines Open. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 18.

The 16-year-old Saina went down fighting 17-21, 21-23 in her second qualifying match to Yuan Kartika of Indonesia.

- Saina goes down in qualifiers. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 20.

Saina Nehwal scored a thumping victory over higher-ranked Soratja Chansrisukot of Thailand to enter the women's singles second round of the Hong Open badminton championships on August 29. Saina, world No.51, played a scintillating game to quell Soratja's challenge 21-6, 23-21 and avenged her round of 16 defeat to the Thai girl at the Korean Open last

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week.

– Saina quells Soratja's challenge. *Tribune.* August 30, 2006: 19.

Saina Nehwal continued her rapid rise in world badminton as she gained 11 spots to reach a career-best ranking of number 30.

– Saina breaks into top 30. *Sunday Tribune.* September 10, 2006: 22.

Saina Nehwal crushed a feeble challenge by Jie Liu of China to storm into the semifinals of World Junior Badminton Championship in Incheon, South Korea.

– Saina cruises into semis. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 19.

Saina Nehwal thwarted a spirited challenge from Bae Youn Joo of Korea to reach the girls' singles final at the World Junior Badminton Championship in Incheon, South Korea.

– Saina one step away from title. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 22.

It was a day of mixed fortunes for Indians as Saina Nehwal crowned herself the women's champion, while Nikhil Kanetkar lost tamely to fifth seed Lee Cheol Ho in the mens final of the $ 10,000 Indian International Badminton Tournament at the Goregaon Sports Club in Mumbai on November 17.

– Saina wins, Nikhil loses. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 22.

Nek Chand

As many as 29 sculptures created by city-based Nek Chand will be on display at the prestigious American Folk Art Museum, New York, for a six-month period from April this year.

– New York museum to exhibit Nek Chand's sculptures. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006: 3.

Environment artiste Nek Chand on November 16 became the first Asian to receive the prestigious International Living Heritage Medal, instituted by the Living Heritage Society, USA. The award, which promotes excellence in art, literature, dance and theatre, was presented to Nek Chand in the amphitheatre of his Rock Garden.

– Nek Chand is first Asian to get International Living Heritage Medal. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 3.

Neki, N.S. (Dr)

Dr N.S. Neki, Professor of Medicine, Government Rajindra Medical College and Hospital, Patiala, who belongs to Amritsar, has been conferred with the Rashtriya Rattan Award. Dr Neki, a recipient of 25 national and international fellowships, said in Amritsar on April 30 that the award would be conferred

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on him on May 6 by the International Study Circle (ISC), New Delhi for his contribution in the field of medicine as well as services rendered by him towards the society.

- Award for doctor. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 4.

Dr N.S. Neki, Professor of Medicine, Government Medical College, Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, Amritsar, has been appointed as 'peer reviewer' of Journal of International Medical Sciences Academy, JIMSA.

- Dr Neki made 'peer reviewer'. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006:4.

Dr N.S. Neki, has been chosen by the Geriatrics Society of India for the Bharatji Gulati Oration Award-2006, which will be presented at the International Conference on Geriatrics and Gerontology to be held at New Delhi on October 13-14.

- Green doctor. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006: 14.

Nicolette, Sharmila

Fifteen-year-old Sharmila Nicolette virtually brought a birdie out of the forest in the 16th hole as she stormed her way with a score of 73 to tie with seasoned Shruti Khanna for the lead on the penultimate day of the 14th Punjab Open Ladies Amateur Golf Championship at the Chandigarh Golf Club in Chandigarh on October 26.

- Sharmila catches up with Shruti. *Tribune.* October 27, 2006: 19.

Fifteen-year-old Sharmila Nicolette of Bangalore gave a good display of her long driving talent to score a five stroke victory over her nearest and seasoned rival Shruti Khanna of Delhi to clinch the Punjab Open Ladies Amateur Golf Championship title in Chandigarh on October 27.

- Sharmila wins golf title. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 23.

Nikalje, Deepak

The Mumbai police has posted lookout notices for Deepak Nikalje, brother of gangster Chhota Rajan, following violent incidents by Dalits in Mumbai on November 29 and 30. The police said Nikalje was seen leading rioters in Chembur where several shops were stoned and buses damaged.

- Chhota Rajan's brother led Dalit rioters. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 2.

Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh (Dr)

Dr Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh, who holds the Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies endowed chair at Colby College in Maine (United States), has come out with her latest book, "The Birth of the Khalsa". "I have

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argued that Sikh memory needs to acknowledge the vital female dimension grounded in the universal human condition and present at the birth of the Khalsa. Inspiration came from my father to rediscover the feminine side of the words and actions of the founders of Sikhism," says professor Nikky Singh.

– Scholar's kin explores role of women in Sikhism. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 3.

Nilekani, Nandan

The architect of Infosys Technologies, Nandan Nilekani was in distant Davos when he was conferred with the Padma Bhushan, the country's third highest honour, planning India's strategy at the World Economic Forum. Of all things, he did not expect the Padma Bhushan.

– IT prodigy reaches dizzy heights. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006:13.

Infosys Technologies CEO Nandan Nilekani on January 29 became one of the youngest entrepreneurs to join 20 global leaders at the prestigious World Economic Forum (WEF) foundation board. Mr Nilekani was responsible for inspiring business and public confidence through an exemplary standard of governance.

– Infosys CEO on WEF Board. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 19.

Infosys CEO Nandan Nilekani has been named as 'Businessman of the Year' for 2006 by Forbes Asia for his "nimble" stewardship in keeping the company ahead of peers in the global outsourcing phenomenon.

– Nilekani is Forbes Businessman. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 19.

Nirmal Singh

The Punjab and Haryana HC Bar Association has convened a general house meeting on May 23 afternoon to decide the future course of action on the complaint of a lawyer, Mr Madan Dev, alleging that the DGP, Haryana, Kanwar Nirmal Singh, issued him threats of liquidation.

– Bar association to decide on DGP's threat to lawyer. *Tribune.* May 24, 2006: 3.

The Director-General of the Haryana Police, Mr Nirmal Singh, has been awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. The announcement was made by the Central Government on August 14. Mr Nirmal Singh joined the Indian Police Service in 1973 after serving for over five years in the Army. He fought insurgency in Mizoram and NEFA. He also participated in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

– President's Police Medal for DGP. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006: 7.

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Nischol, Navin

Veteran actor Navin Nischol's wife allegedly committed suicide at the couple's residence in central Mumbai, the police said. Geetanjali committed suicide by hanging herself last night, police said. The reason behind the drastic step appeared to be a property dispute between her husband and his brother Pravin, they said.

- Navin Nischol's wife commits suicide. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 2.

Nishan Singh

The Gurdaspur police on October 17 arrested former militant Nishan Singh from his native village Kalanaur on the Indo-Pak border. Nishan Singh had returned to his village after serving a 15-year sentence in various jails of the State under various cases of terrorism.

- Former militant Nishan Singh held. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 4.

Nitish Kumar

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee described Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as a "role model" in parliamentary democracy in the presence of a gathering comprising Union Minister for the Bureau of Parliamentary Statistics and senior Congress leader Margaret Alva and Deputy Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi among others in Patna on February 6.

- No confrontation with judiciary: Somnath. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006:2.

The NDA-led Nitish Kumar Government in Bihar is reported to have bid strongly for Tatas' Rs 1 lakh car project on September 21.

- Nitish bids for Tatas' Rs 1 lakh car project. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 19.

RJD supremo Lalu Prasad is now apparently desperate to disturb the established equation between CM Nitish Kumar and the Congress-led UPA at the Centre under the existing federal structure which is vital in view of Nitish Kumar's bid to put the State on the path of development.

- Lalu steps up campaign against Nitish govt. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 15.

Soon after presenting a report card titled "Development with justice," upon completing one year in office on November 24, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar left for Ahmedabad to address the IIM faculty there on the "turnaround of Bihar."

- Nitish to address IIM faculty. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 2.

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Nitya Nand, Swami

Senior BJP leader and former Uttaranchal Chief Minister Nitya Nand Swami began a "fast unto death at Kargi in Dehra Dun on October 9 seeking total withdrawal of land acquisition proceedings as the Government was trying to forcibly acquire prime agricultural land of farmers to sell it at "subsidised" rates to certain builders and colonisers from other States.

– Ex-Uttaranchal CM on "fast unto death". *The Hindu.* October 10, 2006:3.

Noon, Sir Gulam

Amid allegations that Britain's governing Labour Party was trading honours for cash, NRI curry tycoon Sir Gulam Noon, who lent a loan of £ 250,000 to the Party, on March 21 announced that he was asking for his nomination for a seat in the House of Lords to be withdrawn.

– NRI asks for withdrawal of peerage nomination. *Tribune.* March 22, 006: 9.

Leading NRI businessmen Sir Gulam Noon and Chai Patel on April 11 failed to achieve Peerage after British Prime Minister Tony Blair was forced to scale down ruling Labour Party's list of new members for the House of Lords in the wake of the "cash for honours" row.

– Noon, patel miss Peerage. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 9.

Nooyi, Indra

Chennai-born Indra Nooyi, who was recently appointed as CEO of global soft drink giant PepsiCo, has been named as the world's most powerful business woman by *Fortune magazine*, ahead of people like Oprah Winfrey and eBay chief Meg Whitman. The latest feat follows a similar honour bestowed upon Nooyi by another business publication *Forbes*, which had also named her as the world's most powerful woman soon after she was named the new PepsiCo CEO.

– Indra Nooyi most powerful businesswoman in world. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006: 1.

Nripender Singh

Former Minister Krishan Moorti Hooda, who recently had quit the Congress and former Haryana Vikas Party legislator from Badhra constituency Nripender Singh on May 17 joined the Bharatiya Janata Party.

– Krishan Moorti, Nripender Singh join BJP. *Tribune.* May 18, 2006: 7.

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Obuleshu

Eleven Naxals, including CPI (Maoist) state committee's key member Obuleshu and five women, were killed in two encounters with the police at Warangal and Kadapa districts, near Hyderabad, on November 10.

- Top Maoist leader shot dead. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 1.

Onkar Singh (Dr)

Dr Onkar Singh, who retired as Professor and Head, Department of Anaesthesia,Government Medical College, Amritsar, has been awarded "Bharat Jyoti Award" for his meritorious services in the field of medical sciences.

- Honoured. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 5.

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Padhi, K.S.

Faced with a non-bailable warrant and the rejection of his bail plea, BSF Deputy Inspector General, K.S. Padhi, allegedly involved in the sex racket in Jammu and Kashmir, on June 7 surrendered to the CBI and was remanded in its custody for four days.

– Sex racket: BSF DIG surrenders, remanded. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 6.

Padmini

"Dancing Brilliance" and movie diva Padmini who had done more than 250 films in five languages succumbed to a massive heart attack on September 25 and died in a private hospital. She was 74. She was born on June 12, 1932, in Trivandrum. She was a part of the dancing trio in her home — with Ragini and Lalita being the other two. All three had a flourishing career in movies and were famous as the "Travan-core Sisters." In the late sixties, Padmini decided to take a break from films, married and settled down in the USA. There she taught South Indian classical dance in New Jersey.

– Padmini dies at 74. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 1, 14.

Paes, Leander

Dame luck smiled on sixth seeds Leander Paes and his Czech comrade-in-arms Marum Damm who beat seventh seeds Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram and pipped top seeds Bryan brothers to move into the semifinal of the Tennis Masters Cup by virtue of winning percentage of sets.

– Paes-Damm in semis. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 20.

Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi have signalled the end of their partnership, which has fetched them three Grand Salm titles. "Honestly our story is the biggest tragedy that has ever happened to Indian sport and I say that I am glad that this tragedy ended on a high note with a gold in the Asian Games," he said.

– End of the road. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 22.

Pahwa, Inderjit Singh

Noted industrialist Inderjit Singh Pahwa, Chairman of the Avon Group of Industries, breathed his last at Hero Heart Care Centre in Ludhiana on January 10 morning.

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– Avon group Chairman Phawa dead. *Tribune.* January 11, 2006: 17.

Pallikal, Dipika

Dipika Pallikal has won the Pioneer Open junior squash event in Colonge, Germany, after beating W. Low of Malaysia in straight sets 9-4, 9-3, 9-6. Dipika, sponsored by Mittal Champions Trust, was the top seed going into tournament and didn't lose a set all week.

– Pallikal wins. *Tribune.* July 13, 2006: 18.

Panag, H.S. (Lt-Gen)

Lt-Gen H.S. Panag, presently the GOC of a Strike Corps is to be the new GOC-in-C of the Northern Command who will take over from Lt-Gen Deepak Kapoor.

– Gen Kapoor is new Army Vice-Chief. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 2.

Pande, Alka

The French Government has decided to honour noted academician Alka Pande with the award of Chevalier dans I'ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters). The award is a recognition of Dr Pande's contribution to Indian cultural life and to the development of cooperation between India and France in the field of art. The Ambassador of France to India, Dominique Girard will confer the award on Dr Pande.

– French award for Alka Pande. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 2.

Pande, Mohan (Lt-Gen)

Senior level appointments were made in the Indian Army on June 30 with Lt-Gen Mohan Pande being made the next Director-General, Military Operations. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Lt-Gen Pande was commissioned into the Mahar Regiment in 1968. He commanded the Tiger Division during Operation 'Parakram' and was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal for his outstanding contribution. He was Chief of Staff, Headquarters Army Training Command before being posted as Director-General Military Operations.

– Lt-Gen Pande new DG, Military Operations. *Tribune.* July 01, 2006:2.

Pandey, A.P.

The chief of the high-profile Punjab Vigilance Bureau, Mr A.P. Pandey, has been shifted while 17 districts, including the police districts of Punjab, will have new SSPs in a major reshuffle ordered by the State Government in Chandigarh on April 14.

– Punjab Vigilance chief shifted. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 1.

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Pandey, Ashutosh

Lucknow SSP Ashutosh Pandey has earned the dubious distinction of figuring in this year's "Hall of Shame", a worldwide list of public officials compiled annually by a New York-based NGO Human Rights Watch.

– Lucknow SSP on 'Hall of Shame' list. *Tribune.* May 24, 2006: 16.

Pandey, G.D.

While 1981-batch officer, G.D. Pandey has been promoted as Additional Director-General of Police (Crime) (ADGP), DIGs Sanjeev Kumar Kalra, Parag Jain and Hardish Singh Randhawa have been promoted as IGPs. The state now has eight ADGPs and as many number of DGPs, besides 28 IGPs and 26 DIGs. The orders will come into force from January 1.

– Pandey promoted as ADGP. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 3.

Pandey, Mata Prasad

UP Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mata Prasad Pandey on June 10 disqualified the five defiant MLAs who had voluntarily crossed over to their parent party, BSP, a day after the Allahabad High Court judgment of February 28 setting aside the merger of the break away group into the ruling Samajwadi party.

– UP Speaker disqualifies five MLAs. *Sunday Tribune.* June 11, 2006:1.

Pandey, Mathura Dutt (Dr)

According to a Rashtrapati Bhawan communique, Dr Pandey will be entitled to a life long cash incentive of Rs. 50,000 per annum besides a citation, a shawl and a memento to be presented by Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

– Prestigious award for Sanskrit scholar. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 3.

Pandey, Sunil

The brazen public display of muscle power by a "drunk" JD (U) MLA from Piro in Bhojpur district, Sunil Pandey, at a five-star hotel in the wee hours on June 24, has left CM Nitish Kumar red-faced. It all started on June 23 evening when Mr Pandey, along with his wife Geeta Pandey, allegedly occupied a suite at the hotel without paying the charges. He also refused to pay the bills for the food. Surrounded by his henchmen he reportedly threatened the hotel staff. After the matter was brought to the notice of CM, he asked the police to lodge an FIR against the MLA. Another JD(U) MLA Poonam Devi demanded the expulsion of Mr Pandey from the Party.

– 'Drunk' JD(U) MLA leaves Nitish red-faced. *Tribune.* June 25, 2006:2.

An FIR against the ruling JD(U) legislator, Sunil Pandey, for allegedly not paying for his stay at a posh hotel in Patna has been lodged at Gandhi Maidan police station. The police is searching for the MLA, who hails from

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Piro in Bhojpur district and was allegedly linked to the kidnapping of the Patna neuro-surgeon A.K. Chandra last year and other criminal cases.

– FIR against MLA lodged. *Tribune.* June 26, 2006: 1.

In what appeared to be a major victory for the Nitish Government, the suspended JD(U) MLA from Piro in Bhojpur district, Sunil Pandey, on October 6 surrendered before the CJM court in Aurangabad after evading arrest for more than a month.

– Suspended JD(U) MLA surrenders. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006:2.

Pandher, Moninder Singh

Moninder Singh Pandher, a factory owner from whose house 15 skulls were recovered on December 29, has emerged as the main suspect in the gruesome serial killing of several children by his servant after both of them had sexually abused them. Pandher, whose wife and son live in Chandigarh, used to get callgirls regularly at his house in the Nithari area. "And when no call girls were to be found, Moninder asked Satish to lure children. Satish would lure the kids and get them inside the house after which Moninder would sexually abuse them," SSP R.K.S. Rathore said. Satish, father of a three-year-old child, would also sexually abuse the children at times. He would then kill the children by strangulating them after which the bodies would be hacked to pieces. The head and the other body parts were disposed of separately.

– Noida Killings: Five cops suspended. *Sunday Tribune.* December 31, 2006: 1.

Pandove, M.P.

Mr M.P. Pandove, joint-secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), will contest for the post again in the elections to be held on September 27 and 28. "The Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) has recommended the name of Mr Pandove for BCCI's joint-secretary's post for the next term.

– Pandove to contest BCCI poll again. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 18.

Panta, Lokeshwar Singh (Justice)

Justice Lokeshwar Singh Panta of the Himachal Pradesh HC has been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court. It was officially announced in New Delhi on January 31.

– Panta is SC Judge. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006: 14.

Justice Lokeshwar Singh Panta of the Himachal Pradesh HC was on February 3 sworn in as new Judge of the SC.

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– Justice Panta sworn in as SC Judge. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 10.

Parab, Anil Ramachandra

Additional Session Judge, S.P. Davare found Anil Ramachandra Parab (45) guilty in a shoot-out case inside the Andheri Metropolitan Magistrate court. The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 7,000 and in case of default, further nine months' simple imprisonment.

– Life term for Dawood gang sharp shooter. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 2.

Parab, Balaram

Football Olympian Balaram Parab, one of the few Indian players who sported boots in the 1948 London Games, has passed away at a local hospital in Mumbai on August 1. He was 83 and is survived by three sons, according to family sources.

– Footballer dead. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 18.

Parashar, Kulbhushan

The CBI, which had registered a case in a designated court in New Delhi recently, arrested Kulbhushan Parashar, a retired Navy Officer, upon his arrival from London at Indira Gandhi International Airport on April 5 night. Two other former Navy officers, V.K. Jha and Vinod Rana, were arrested from Muzaffarpur in Bihar and Dwarka in Delhi, respectively.

– 3 ex-Navy officers held. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 1.

Parekh, Deepak

The Government on December 20 announced the setting up of a committee, headed by IDFC Chairman Deepak Parekh, to look into long term funding for infrastructure sectors that require a massive $320 billion of investment by 2012.

– Parekh to head panel on core sector funds. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 17.

Parihar, Seema

Bandit Queen II, Seema Parihar on November 18 took a step towards public life when she joined the Indian Justice Party (IJP). Ms Parihar, who remained in the Chambal ravines for over two decades and was party to the gangs of Lala Ram Chauhan and Narbhay Gujar, said circumstances beyond her control like her kidnapping at the age of 13 forced her to lead a life of a criminal.

– Seema Parihar, Bandit Queen II, goes political. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006: 1.

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Parikh, Sudhir M. (Dr)

What should have been a cherished moment for Dr Sudhir M. Parikh, who was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award in Hyderabad on January 9, turned out to be an occasion for embarrassment. Even as he was receiving the award from the President, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, an overzealous participant shouted slogans of 'shame, shame. Dr Parikh, who was last year decorated with the Ellis island Medal of Honor, the highest civilian honor an immigrant could get in the USA, was chosen for today's award for his contribution towards community services.

- Parikh awarded amid protest. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 2.

Pariyar, Vimal

A brace by Tata Football Academy's Vimal Pariyar resulted in a 2-0 victory for India over Afghanistan in their first match of the inaugural AFC Challenge Cup in Chittagong, Bangladesh, on April 1.

- Pariyar stars in India's win. *Sunday Tribune.* April 02, 2006: 23.

Parmjit Singh Pammi

Senior Congress leader Parmjit Singh Pammi, Chairman, Primary Agriculture Development Bank (PADB) who also remained Congress Municipal Councillor twice and his wife Ms Gurbakshish Kaur, Congress Councillor from ward No. 1, on September 21 resigned from their respective posts to protest against alleged excesses against them by Dr Mohinder Kumar Rinwa, MLA Fazilka.

- Cong leader quits as bank Chairman. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 4.

Parti, Sunil

Mr Sunil Parti has been appointed general secretary of the Chandigarh Territorial Congress Committee by the Congress president, Mrs Sonia Gandhi. This is the fifth time that Mr Parti has retained this party post.

- *Sunday Tribune.* July 30, 2006: 3.

Parwinder Singh

India's Parwinder Singh outpunched local favourite Nadir Khan in the opening bout of the inaugural boxing series being played between India and Pakistan in Karachi.

- Parwinder wins. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 22.

Pasrija, Mulkh Raj

Mr Mulkh Raj Pasrija has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Ltd (OIL). A graduate in Commerce from Panjab University,

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Mr Pasrija is also a Chartered Accountant and was the Director, Finance of OIL for over five years before being appointed as the Company's CMD. He joined OIL in 1981 and has served the company in various capacities.

– M.S. Pasrija is OIL Chairman. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006: 17, 20.

Paswan, Ram Vilas

The BJP on November 10 criticised Union Chemical, Fertiliser and Steel Minister Ram Vilas Paswan's stand on reservation for Muslims in jobs calling it as "unfortunate and unconstitutional."

– BJP flays Paswan's stand on quota for Muslims. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 2.

The two-day national executive session of the Lok Janshakti Party on December 26 re-elected Ram Vilas Paswan as the party chief for another three years and prepared an electoral strategy for the coming Assembly poll in five states.

– Paswan re-elected LJP chief. *Tribune.* December 27, 2006: 20.

Paswan, Sanjay

RJD leader and party spokesman Sanjay Paswan on November 27 deserted Mr Laloo Prasad to join the Congress. More famous for his love for snakes, Mr Paswan had earlier served the BJP as an MP from Nawda and was a Minister of State in the Vajpayee Cabinet. He is the third leader in the last fortnight to have left the RJD.

– Sanjay Paswan also deserts Laloo Yadav. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006:2.

Patel, Ahmed

An alleged victim of a sex racket in the Capital moved an amended petition in the Supreme Court to delete the name of Congress leader Ahmed Patel and all allegations levelled against him in her original petition as per the Apex Court's order passed on June 22, allowing her petition seeking amendment in her writ.

– Ahmed Patel's name deleted. *Tribune.* June 24, 2006: 2.

Patel, Amisha

The Mumbai police will question actress Amisha Patel following allegations that she threatened to attack an employee of Air-India when a friend accompanying her was not given a free upgrade on a US-bound flight on August 18.

– Threat charge: cops to grill Amisha. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 24.

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Canara Bank has issued a legal notice to actress Amisha Patel and her family members seeking recovery of dues amounting to Rs 11.75 crore, loaned to them for financing their business firm.

– Bank to sue Amisha Patel. *Tribune.* September 21, 2006: 2.

Patel, Chai

Leading NRI businessmen Sir Gulam Noon and Chai Patel on April 11 failed to achieve Peerage after British Prime Minister Tony Blair was forced to scale down ruling Labour Party's list of new members for the House of Lords in the wake of the "cash for honours" row.

– Noon, patel miss Peerage. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 9.

Patel, Jayant (Dr)

The board executive officer Jim O'Dempsey said, "the board had served papers on the Brisbane lawyers of Dr Jayant Patel, allowing it to seek a directions hearing in the Health Practioners' Tribunal." The medical board was hoping to hold the hearing next month.

– Indian doctor banned in Queensland. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 11.

Patel, Munaf

Munaf Patel completed a successful debut as India won the second Test at the PCA Stadium in Mohali on March 13 to go 1-0 up in the three-Test series against England. The Gujarat seamer will have fond memories of the venue which will primarily be remembered for Anil Kumble achieving the rare milestone of completing 500 Test wickets.

– Kumble, Munaf bowl India to victory. *Tribune.* March 14, 2006: 18.

Patel, Praful

Mr Praful Patel, Union Minister for Civil Aviation, is believed to have threatened to resign from the Union Cabinet if the privatisation of Mumbai and Delhi airport is not announced within a week.

– Praful Patel threatens to resign. *Tribune.* January 17, 2006: 1.

Union Minister Arjun Singh, Sushil Kumar Shinde, Praful Patel, Hansraj Bhardwaj, and Dasari Narayan Rao are among the political heavyweights who were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on March 20. The deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended on March 20 for the biennial elections to fill 59 seats from 15 states.

– Arjun, Bhardwaj, Shinde elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

The Bombay High Court on August 16 directed a lower court to include the

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names of Union Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel and two others as the "accused" in the Rs 50-crore Unit Trust of India (UTI) scam, if any evidence was found against them.

– Include Praful's name in UTI scam if evidence found: HC. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006: 2.

Pathak, R.S. (Justice)

Justice Pathak on August 4 scoffed off any idea about the leakage of the report of his findings on the Iraqi oil-for-food scam to media, saying the office of the inquiry authority under him had no role in leaking the report to any one.

– Justice Pathak rejects leakage from his office. *Tribune.* August 05, 2006:1.

The Justice R.S. Pathak Inquiry Authority report into Iraq's Oil for Food scandal tabled in Parliament on August 7 indicted former Union Minister K. Natwar Singh and gave a clean chit to the Congress.

– Pathak report indicts Natwar, gives clean chit to Congress. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 1.

Pathak, Surinder Kumar

Surinder Kumar Pathak of Banga has been appointed general secretary of the Economic and Planning Cell of the Punjab Pardesh Congres Committee by State Congress President, Shamsher Singh Dullo.

– Appointed. *Tribune.* September 11, 2006: 4.

Pathan, Ejaz

Ejaz Pathan, one-time close associate of absconding prime conspirator Dawood Ibrahim, and Mohammad Dawood Khan were on November 20 found guilty by the TADA court for their complicity in 1993 serial blasts in the city.

– Ex-Dawood aide found guilty. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 20.

Pathan, Irfan

Irfan Pathan gained two spots to reach in the striking distance of the top 10 Test bowlers list while also joining the top three among all rounders in the latest ICC rankings.

– Pathan third in all-rounders list. *Tribune.* May 04, 2006: 18.

Irfan Pathan's turbulent career received a further setback when it was decided that the youg Baroda paceman would be sent back home to rediscover his forgotten craft.

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– Pathan sent back home. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 1.

Baroda coach Ashok Mankad on December 25 slammed the cricket board for calling back Irfan Pathan midway through the test series in South Africa, saying the "unprecedented" action would demoralise youngsters in the team.

– Baroda coach slams BCCI. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 19.

Pathania, V.P. (Maj-Gen)

Major-Gen V.P. Pathania has assumed charge as the Commandant, Command Hospital, Chandimandir. He takes over from Major-Gen Pruthwiraj Rao, who has been posted as Deputy Director, Medical Services, Western Command.

– General Pathania takes over. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 6.

Patkar, Medha

Ms Medha Patkar, in the Capital with hundreds of affected tribal families, has been demanding the stopping of the "illegal dam construction" at Sardar Sarovar, full rehabilitation measures, including land-for-land for affected families, besides a complete review of the draft of the National Policy for Rehabilitation of Project Affected.

– Medha seeks rehabilitation of displaced. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 2.

Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar and several NBA activists were taken into custody in New Delhi on March 26 while they were protesting outside the Water Resource Ministry complex in New Delhi. Later, they were released after being detained for nearly three hours.

– Medha Patkar detained, released. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 2.

"Three activists from the Narmada valley, led by Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar, began an indefinite fast in New Delhi on March 29. They said the government had not stuck to its assurance of taking a decision by March 28 on the rehabilitation of people and controversy over an increase in the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam.

– Medha Patkar begins fast. *Tribune.* March 30, 2006: 15.

Criticising the "callous" attitude of the UPA Government to pleas of the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) to stop construction work on the Sardar Sarovar Dam, NBA convernor Medha Patkar on April 2 said the time had come to launch a "decisive struggle to achieve our objectives".

– Medha to embark on decisive battle. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 2.

Union Minister for Water Resources Saifuddin Soz on April 3 met social activist Medha Patkar, who is on an indefinite fast since March 29, and

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assured suitable rehabilitation of the people affected due to the Sardar Sarovar Project. However, Ms Patkar refused to call off her fast unless 'concrete action' was taken.

– Soz urges Patkar to call off fast. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 2.

Several students and faculty member form Jawaharlal Nehru University have joined the protest by the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) and expressed solidarity with Medha Patkar who is being kept in the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences after being forcibly removed from Jantar Mantar where she was on an indefinite fast.

– JNU staff, students back Medha's cause. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 1.

Agitating NBA leader Medha Patkar on April 6 received international support with the Stockholm-based Right Livelihood Award Foundation appealing to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India in the favour of Medha's peaceful satyagraha in support of the poorest of the poor".

– Medha gets international support. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 2.

Two days before the meeting of the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA), NBA leader Medha Patkar on April 13 said she should be released from AIIMS immediately and that she was willing to furnish bail bond in the case registered against her.

– Patkar willing to furnish bail bond. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 2.

Even as the condition of Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) leader Medha Patkar and two of her associates Jamsingh Nargave and Bhagwatiben Patidar, deteriorated further, the NBA leader on April 15 decided to continue with the fast.

– Patkar's condition deteriorates. *Sunday Tribune.* April 16, 2006: 1.

Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar on April 17 pledged to carry "the 20-year-old Narmada fight far beyond" after she ended her 20-day fast with a glass of juice on April 17 evening.

– Medha Patkar ends fast. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 1.

Terming the displacement of thousands of persons in the Narmada Valley by the Sardar Sarovar Dam an "abuse of human rights", Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar on May 4 asked National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman A.S. Anand to "intervene and take cognizance of this gross violation of human rights".

– Medha approaches NHRC. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006: 14.

Social activist Medha Patakar, along with at least 200 members and

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supporters of the Singur Kishi Bachao Committee, was arrested on December 9 while taking part in a procession in the city to protest against the W.B. Chief Minister's high-handedness.

– Mamata unwell; Patkar held. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 1.

Pattabhiraman, S. (Lt-Gen)

Taking strong exception to the remarks by the Army Vice-Chief, Lt-Gen S. Pattabhiraman, that the force could "do without women", senior BJP leader Sushma Swaraj on June 18 demanded that he be suspended immediately. "It is a reflection of the working of the Army and its mindset. If I was the Defence Minister, I would have called the Vice-Chief and told him we can do without you. You can go," she said.

– Suspend Army Vice-Chief, says Sushma. *Tribune.* June 19, 2006: 22.

Lt. General S. Pattabhiraman superannuates on December 31 after a distinguished career spanning 40 years. He is the first sapper officer to have served as the Vice-Chief. His appointments included Defence Attache to Turkey, the first Director-General of Information Systems at Army Headquarters, and General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command.

– Thamburaj is Bombay Sappers' Col Cmdt. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006:5.

Patti, Kashmir Singh

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on August 1 admitted a petition filed by Mr Jasmer Singh, a member of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), and four others, seeking directions to quash the appointment of Mr Kashmir Singh Patti as Chairman of the Sikh Gurdwara Judicial Commission (SGJC).

– Plea to quash Patti's appointment. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006: 4.

Patwalia, Paramjit Singh (Justice)

The youngest High Court Judge in the country, Mr Justice Paramjit Singh Patwalia, on December 25 submitted his resignation, less than nine months after taking oath. He is expected to start practising at the Supreme Court of India soon.

– Youngest HC Judge resigns. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 1.

Pawar, Anand

Anand Pawar created a big ripple in the $10,000 Indian International Badminton Tournament when he knocked out top seeded compatriot Chetan Anand in straight games to enter the men's singles semi-finals in Mumbai on November 16.

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– Pawar shocks top seed Chetan. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 20.

Pawar, Sharad

A narco-analysis test conducted in 2003 on fake stamp paper scam kingpin Abdul Karim Telgi, aired by TV channels on September 6, sought to link Union Minister Sharad Pawar and Maharashtra PWD Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, who vehemently denied any involvement in the case.

– Telgi names Sharad Pawar. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 20.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) rules have been modified in such a manner that the re-election of incumbent President and Union Minister Sharad Pawar looks like a foregone conclusion. The Annual General Meeting of the Board is slated to be held in Mumbai on September 27 and 28.

– Pawar set to be re-elected as BCCI chief. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 18.

The 77th Annual General Meeting of the BCCI starting in Mumbai on September 27 is set to be a tame affair after reigning President Sharad Pawar and his three other confidantes were declared elected unopposed for a two-year term on September 26.

– Pawar retains top BCCI post. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 20.

BCCI President Sharad Pawar was not only nudged off the dais by the Australian cricketers but also addressed as 'hiya buddy' by one of them during the Champions Trophy presentation ceremony in Mumbai. This was disclosed on November 7 by Sunil Gavaskar who was also present on the stage on Sunday night. "It is true that all the Australian players had crowded the stage and that I felt a jolt but that was not intentional. I have seen the footage myself. I feel such a small issue should not be hyped this much," Pawar said.

– I was not insulted: Pawar. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006: 20.

BCCI President Sharad Pawar on November 27 came out in strong support of Greg Chappell in the ongoing controversy triggered by the coach's remarks on Parliamentarians and accused television channels of "instigating" MPs.

– Pawar springs to Gregs defence. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 18.

"After this tenure is over, I shall not take this responsibility. After this two-year tenure, I shall aid the game and other members," said Pawar currently serving his second term in the high-profile job.

– Pawar not to contest BCCI poll. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 23.

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The Indian cricket board would nominate its chief Sharad Pawar for the post of ICC President after having garnered support from three other Asian Test playing countries. BCCI Secretary Nirnajan Shah said the Asian countries had reached a consensus on Pawar's candidature.

– Pawar in running for ICC top post. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 18.

Sharad Pawar will be fighting for the post of President of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in a straight contest with David Morgan, Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board.

– Pawar to fight for ICC chiefs post. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 22.

Phool Man Singh Nirankari

A prominent resident of the city, Phool Man Singh Nirankari, died in Chandigarh on May 7 morning. She was 86. She was the wife of Dr Man Singh Nirankari and mother of an eminent theatre personality, Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry.

– Phool Man Singh Nirankari dead. *Tribune.* May 08, 2006: 8.

Pillai, G.K.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Mr G.K. Pillai, currently Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) as Secretary, Department of Commerce in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

– Pillai new Commerce Secretary. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 19.

Pillay, Dhanraj

Dhanraj Pillay roared on the very first day of the Premier Hockey League (PHL) when he steered Maratha Warriors to a splendid 2-1 win over defending champions Hyderabad Sultans in a Tier-I match of the PHL played at the floodlit Sector 42 Hockey Stadium on January 5. Dhanraj was declared lion of the day by the sponsors.

– Warriors stun Sultans. *Tribune.* January 06, 2006: 18.

"If playing two tough matches in one day at two venues 140 km part is not enough to prove my fitness, agility and skills, then I have nothing left to prove," says former Indian skipper and mercurial centre forward Dhanraj Pillay.

– I have nothing left to prove: Pillay. *Tribune.* January 20, 2006: 19.

Former Indian captain and mercurial forward Dhanraj Pillay showcased some of his wonted craft as he helped Indian Airlines stage a fine recovery to dub Border Security Force (BSF) 5-2 in the All-India Lal Bahadur Shastri

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Hockey Tournament at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi on October 5.

– Pillay shines in Airlines win. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 23.

Former Indian hockey team captain and Olympian Dhanraj Pillay has stated that he still had enough hockey left in him and wanted to play for the country. He said there was no dearth of potential, but fair selection was key to success.

– I have lot of hockey left in me: Pillay. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 18.

Defying age and critics, former Indian hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay proved with his speed and manoeuvres that he was far away from being a fading star. He scored a brace as Indian Airlines grounded Rajasthan 5-0 in Bhaini Sahib on October 22.

– Pillay stars in Airlines win. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006: 20.

Pirzada, Gurnihal Singh

Reacting to a news-item "Pirzada's brothers on wild hunt" and its continuation as "Babu's brothers on wild hunt" carried in these columns on November 8, IAS officer Gurnihal Singh Pirzada has claimed that the report was published without verifying or crosschecking the facts.

– No wild hunt, says IAS officer. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 1.

Pitambre, M.H.

A joint party of the police and the army, led by Major M.H. Pitambre, launched a search operation in the wee hours at Vaid Mohalla in Bijbehara town of Anantnag district. The young officer entered into the militant hideout all by himself to avoid any harm to civil population. The militant hiding in the house of Ghulam Ahmad Najar, being at a place of advantage, opened fire at the approaching officer.

– Intrepid Major kills top militant. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 6.

Pitroda, Sam

Sam Pitroda and other members of the Knowledge Commission, which is divided on the controversial issue of OBC quota in premier government-run higher educational institutions such as IITs and IIMs, on May 10 met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

– Pitroda meets PM amid rift on OBC quota. *Tribune.* May 11, 2006: 2.

The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) headed by Mr Sam Pitroda has rightly opposed Union Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh's proposal for reservations for OBCs in higher educational institutions like the IIMS and IITs. The fact that six out of the eight members of the

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NKC have voted against the proposal at their Bangalore meeting suggests their concern about reservations. The NKC members met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on May 10 to convey to him their viewpoint. The NKC, a high power body, was appointed by the Prime Minister last year to advice him on how India can promote excellence in the education system to meet the knowledge challenges of the 21st century. It consists of members who are reputed for their expertise and knowledge in such diverse fields as political science, economics and information technology.

– Pitroda's advice. *Tribune.* May 12, 2006: 10.

Piyush Singh

Indian American Piyush Singh has been named as Vice-President of Cincinnati-based American Financial Group Inc. Mr Piyush Singh will look after information technology services of AFGs property and casualty insurance operations and a number of AFG corporate functions.

– AFG appointment. *Tribune.* January 21, 2006: 21.

Polly Umrigar

Former India captain and one of the all time greats of Indian cricket, Polly Umrigar passed away in Mumbai on November 7 evening. He was 80 and is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. Polly Umrigar had been undergoing chemotherapy after being detected with cancer for the last few months. His funeral will take place on November 8 morning, family sources told UNI.

– Polly Umrigar is no more. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006: 20.

Poncha, Rehan

Rehan Poncha and Rohit Hawaldar won a gold and a silver, respectively, in men's 400 meter freestyle for India on the opening day of aquatics event at the South Asian Games in Colombo on August 19.

– Swimmers rule the pool. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 1.

Rehan Poncha of Bangalore University won the men's 200m backstroke event and created a new record with timing of 2:16.35 seconds on the fourth day of All-India Inter-University Aquatic Championship organised by Panjab University in Chandigarh on October 7.

– Poncha sets record. *Sunday Tribune.* October 08, 2006: 22.

Poohla, Ajit Singh

Nihang leader Ajit Singh Poohla, who is lodged in the Model Jail, Burail, Chandigarh, was on December 7 granted bail by the Punjab and Haryana High Court in a case under the NDPS Act registered against him.

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– Poohla gets bail in NDPS case. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 4.

Pooja

The Haryana State Council for Science and Technology (HSCST) has announced the results of the state-level science essay writing competition conducted for schools for 2005-2006. While stating this in Chandigarh on January 23, a spokesman of the HSCST the first prize of Rs 3,600 had been awarded to Pooja of Amity International School, Gurgaon.

– First prize in essay writing. *Tribune.* January 24, 2006: 7.

Poonia, Kapoor Singh

The police has registered a case against Kapoor Singh Poonia, local Congress leader, for allegedly publicaly assaulting a truck driver and pulling his beard, thereby hurting the religious sentiments of his community. A case in this regard has been registered at Hansi city police station on a complaint lodged by Mr Sukhsagar Singh, president of the Hisar unit of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD).

– Cong leader held for assaulting driver. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 10.

Poonia, Krishna

Krishna Poonia brushed aside the challenge of Commonwealth Games silver medallist Seema Antil to claim the women's discus throw gold in the National Open Athletics Championships, which is also the selection trials for the Doha Asian Games, at the flood-lit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on October 7 night.

– Poonia upsets Antil for discus gold. *Sunday Tribune.* October 8, 2006: 22.

Woman discus thrower Krishna Poonia and freestyle wrestler Alka Tomar got bronze medals at the Asian Games in Doha on December 11.

– Punia, Tomar bag bronze. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 1.

Poonia, Rajesh (Dr)

In a surpirse development, a 28-year-old lecturer of the Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology (GJUST) has defeated the sitting President of the University Teachers' Association. Dr Rajesh Poonia defeated Dr. Bishnoi by 36 votes.

– Poonia heads teachers' body. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006: 15.

Popat, Aparna

Olympian Aparna Popat created history at the Karnataka Badminton Association Courts in Bangalore winning a record ninth national title for women, decimating upcoming youngster Saina Nehwal in straight sets at

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the Canara Bank 70th National Badminton Championship in Bangalore on January 12.

– Popat registers record title-win. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006: 18.

Though the Arjuna Award has come to her a few years too late, Aparna Popat is not complaining. "It's nice to get the award. It's a recognition of my achievements", said the shuttle queen softly, grinning from ear to ear.

– Arjuna Award was overdue: Aparna. *Tribune.* August 29, 2006: 18.

Prabhakar, Manoj

The Delhi Police has registered a case of harassment for dowry against former cricketer Manoj Prabhakar at the Kalkaji police station on the complaint of his wife Sandhaya.

– Manoj Prabhakar booked in dowry case. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006:1.

Prabhu, K.N.

K.N. Prabhu, veteran scribe and former sports editor of *The Times of India*, died in Mumbai on Sunday morning. He was 83. Prabhu is survived by a daughter and an Australia-based son, having lost his wife two years ago. He was discharged from hospital 10 days ago after suffering a bout of pneumonia.

– KN Prabhu dead. *Tribune.* July 31, 2006: 18.

Prabhunath Singh

Even a Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee threw the resignation of Prabhunath Singh in the wastepaper basket, the JD(U) leader dared Union Railway Minister and RJD supremo to resign and face him in elections in Bihar.

– Quitting, Prabhunath dares Lalu. *Tribune.* August 25, 2006: 1.

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee on August 25 rejected the resignation of JD(U) member Prabunath Singh and condemned the virtual scuffle between him and Mr Sadhu Yadav, asking leaders to do an introspection.

– Prabhunath's resignation rejected. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 2.

Pradhan, Satendra Dev (Dr)

Dr Satendra Dev Pradhan on March 1 assumed charge as Secretary of the recently revived Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC). Dr Pradhan, who has a rich experience of having worked in different intelligence outfits for the past 20 years, had earlier worked in JIC.

– JIC Secy takes charge. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 15.

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Pramanik, Pinki

Pinki Pramanik was the star of the show for the Indian athletics contingent, which reaped a harvest of three gold, five silver and four bronze medal s at the first leg of Asian Grand Prix at the National Stadium in Bangkok.

– Pinki stars as India grab 3 gold. *Tribune.* May 19, 2006: 20.

India's Pinki Pramanik won gold medals in women's 800m and 400m, while her compatriot Anju Bobby George disappointed the home crowd managing the long jump silver in the second leg of the Asian Grand Prix 2006 in Bangalore on May 22.

– Pinki wins two gold medals. *Tribune.* May 23, 2006: 19.

Teenager Pinki Pramanik stole the show by completing her second consecutive golden double in 400m and 800 m while Anju Bobby George was again pushed to silver in women's long jump in the third and final leg of the Asian Grand Prix in Pune on May 26.

– Pinki claims golden double. *Tribune.* May 27, 2006: 23.

Prameela Valli, B.

B. Prameela Valli has dropped out from the Indian weightlifing team at the last minute and the foreign media-persons seemed sure that she had tested positive in Delhi.

– Prameela out of C' wealth Games. *Tribune.* March 15, 2006: 18.

The IWF also suspended women lifters Shailaja Pujari and B. Prameela Valli, who returned positive in an out of competition test by WADA, for two years.

– Life ban slapped on Raju, Tejinder. *Tribune.* April 09, 2006: 18.

Prasad, L.V.

L.V. Prasad receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Prasanna, Erapalli

Legendary spinner Erapalli Prasanna has been conferred with Castrol Lifetime Achievement Award at a function held on September 21.

– Castrol Awards. *Tribune.* September 30, 2006: 22.

Prasanna Kumar, G.

The Haryana Government has appointed Mr G. Prasanna Kumar, Chairman-cum-Chief Executive Officer, Mewat Development Agency, Gurgaon, and Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department, as Director-General, Institute of Public Administration, Gurgaon, and Chairman,

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Mewat Development Agency, in addition to his present duties.

– Appointed. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 7.

Prashant, Prem

Mr Prem Prashant, an IAS officer of the 1970 batch, was on May 1 appointed the Chief Secretary of Haryana. Before becoming the Chief Secretary, Mr Prashant was the Home Secretary of the Haryana State.

– Prashant new Chief Secy. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 7.

Pratibha Singh

A Non Resident Indian woman who took on the responsibility of caring for her two severely disabled nieces in India has won a national carer's award. Pratibha Singh, who lives in Town Moor, Doncaster, has been given the Carer of the Year Award at the Daily Mail Carer of the Year Awards, set up with the Carers' Charity Organisation, Crossroads.

– NRI woman wins British award. *Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 13.

Premji, Azim

Azim Premji, Chairman of IT major Wipro, has made it to the list of the world's 10 richest tech titans compiled by the *Forbes* business magazine.

– Azim Premji in Forbes list. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006: 19.

Corporate tycoons Mukesh and Anil Ambani have moved ahead of Wipro chief Azim Premji in 'India's 40 richest' list, according to *Forbes* magazine special report on India's 40 richest. Mr Azim Premji has slipped to the fourth position followed by real estate major DLFs Kushal Pal Singh at the fifth slot.

– Mittal retains richest Indian tag. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 21.

Prince

The safe rescue of five-year-old Prince July 23 evening proved to be the perfect birthday gift for the child who had fallen into a deep borewell at Hardaheri village in Kurukshetra district. The agony of the last 48 hours for Prince, who was stuck in a barely two-and-half feet space nearly 60 feet below the ground, came to an end at about 7.50 this evening when he was winched out to safety.

– Prince rescued, safe. *Tribune.* July 24, 2006: 1.

Priyanka

A desperate Samajwadi Party (SP) on May 7 alleged that Congress President Sonia Gandhi's election agent Priyanka had hatched a conspiracy to carry out booth capturing in tomorrow's byelection in Rae Bareli but suffered a

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setback when its demand for getting her out of the constituency was rejected by the Returning Officer.

– Priyanka allowed to stay in Rae Bareli. *Tribune.* May 08, 2006: 1.

Priyanka Singh

Priyanka Singh of Hoshiarpur won the gold in 800m, Manpreet Kaur of Fathegarh Sahib stood first in shotput and Gurdeep Kaur of Jalandhar annexed the yellow metal in long jump on the first day of the Punjab State Sports Festival for Women, which began at the Nehru Stadium in Ropar on September 25.

– Priyanka wins gold. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 20.

Promilla Issar

The Haryana Governor and Chancellor of the proposed Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan (Sonepat), Dr A.R. Kidwai, has appointed Ms Promilla Issar, Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Labour and Employment, the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the university, in addition to her present duty, till a regular appointment to the VC's post is made. Ms Anita Yadav, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sonepat, has been given additional charge of Registrar of the University.

– Promilla Issar made VC. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 7.

The Haryana Government has appointed Mrs Promila Issar, Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Labour Department, as the Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, Consolidation and Rehabilitation. She would also continue to hold the charge of the Vice-Chancellor of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, in Sonepat district in additional to her duties.

– New charge for Promila. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 7.

Pruthi, Mona

Delhi girl Mona Pruthi has topped the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2005 conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. The examination was held in October-November, 2005. An alumnus of the Lady Sriram College for Women, Pruthi who taught English in Delhi University's Maharaja Agrasen College was earlier selected for the Customs and Excise Department of the India Revenue Services.

– Delhi girl tops IAS exam. *Tribune.* May 09, 2006: 20.

Pujari, Shailaja

The IWF also suspended women lifters Shailaja Pujari and B. Prameela Valli, who returned positive in an out of competition test by WADA, for two

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years.

– Life ban slapped on Raju, Tejinder. *Tribune*. April 09, 2006: 18.

Puneet Rana

Puneet Rana of Ropar and Gurvinder Kaur of Hoshiarpur on September 2 dominated the Punjab State Swimming Championship on the second day at Nehru Stadium swimming pool in Ropar. Puneet Rana won five gold medals in individual events, breaststroke (200m, 50m), medlay, butterfly, and freestyle, while Gurvinder Kaur won four gold —backstroke (200m), freestyle (200m and 50m) and backstroke (50m).

– Puneet, Gurvinder rule the pool. *Sunday Tribune*. September 03, 2006:22.

Puneet Rana of Punjab University, Chandigarh, emerged winner in the 100m breaststroke (men) with a timing of 1:06.06 sec and broke his own record created in 2002 (1:08.31 seconds) on the third day of All-India Inter-University Aquatic (men and women) Championship.

– Puneet betters own record. *Tribune*. October 07, 2006: 22.

Punj, Manoj

Noted film producer Manoj Punj died in Mumbai this afternoon following a massive heart attack. He was in his late 30s. Manoj Punj is credited with a number of Punjabi films which won national awards. These include Shaheed-e-Mohabbat Buta Singh, Des Hoya Pardes and Zindagi Khubsurat Hai. All these films feature noted folk singer Gurdas Mann. He was also the producer of Waris Shah-Ishq da Waris.

– Noted film producer dead. *Tribune*. October 23, 2006: 5.

Purandareswari, D.

D Purandareswari, NTR's daughter and TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu's sister-in-law, has been inducted into the Central Cabinet as a Minister of State in Human Resources Department in today's reshuffle. NTR was, and still is, seen as a symbol of anti-Congressism in Andhra Pradesh and Naidu claims to carry this legacy forward.

– NTR's daughter given berth to weaken TDP. *Tribune*. January 30, 2006:2.

Purav Raja

Seventh-seeded Purav Raja of Maharashtra won a battle of attrition against fourth-seeded Vishnu Vardhan of Andhra Pradesh, lasting six minutes shy of four hours, to record a 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, 6-3 victory and annex the men's singles title of the DSCL Open National Tennis Championship at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association deco-turf court in New Delhi on October 14.

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– Purav, Isha win tennis titles. *Sunday Tribune.* October 15, 2006" 23.

Puri, Jag Mohan

Three Indians — Mr Roshan Seth, Ms Supriya Banerji and Mr Jag Mohan Puri — have been conferred the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for outstanding contribution in cementing Indo-British relations through business, education, theatre and film and television, by the British High Commission on September 28.

– Three Indians conferred Order of British Empire. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 2.

Puri, Sanjay (Dr)

Dr Sanjay Puri receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Puri, T.P.S.

Mr T.P.S. Puri, former chief national badminton coach, has been elected Vice-President of the Badminton Association of India. He has also held the post of the chief badminton coach, NIS. He is at present working as an International Badminton Federation expert for solidarity courses and a development committee member of the IBF.

– Puri is BAI Vice-President. *Tribune.* February 28, 2006: 20.

Purwar, Arun Kumar

The Delhi HC on May 26 issued notices to the Centre and the CBI on a petition seeking investigations into the alleged manipulation of date of birth records, prior to joining the service by Arun Kumar Purwar, Chairman of the public sector SBI.

– SBI chief charged with fudging DoB records. *Tribune.* May 27, 2006:20.

Puttur, Abdul Rashid Hussainar

Abdul Rashid Hussainar Puttur (32), a native of Mangalore in Karnataka was arrested on November 18 in Dubai by the anti-terrorism squad (ATS) and deported to India, ATS chief K.P. Raghuvanshi said adding, "We took his custody on November 18 at the Delhi Airport.

– Dawood gang member arrested. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006:24.

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Quraishi, S.Y.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami will take over as the Chief Election Commissioner on June 30 even as the Youth Affairs and Sports Secretary, S.Y. Quraishi is the new Election Commissioner in the three-member constitutional body. The other Election Commissioner is Mr. Naveen Chawla. President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam made the appointments of the CEC and of the EC on the recommendations of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), official sources said. The appointments follow the retirement of CEC B.B. Tandon on June 30. A 1971-batch IAS officer, 59-year old Quraishi has held several key positions including Special Secretary (Health) and Director-General of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), the Director-General of Doordarshan, and the DG of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

– Gopalaswami to take over as CEC today. *Tribune.* June 30, 2006: 24.

Qureshi, Shabir

Shabir Qureshi (62), a senor journalist, died of heart attack in Bilaspur on Monday. He was representing All India Radio, Shimla, and Doordarshan.

– Senior journalist dead. *Tribune.* July 20, 2006: 19.

Qureshi, Shakeel Ahmed

International umpire, Shakeel Ahmed Qureshi announced his retirement on November 3 after officiating in 60 international matches, besides the finals of the National Hockey Championship and other major domestic tournaments.

– Hockey umpire Qureshi retires. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006: 22.

Qureshi, Yakub

The BJP state vice-president, Ms. Laxmi Kanta Chawla, on February 18 called for the immediate arrest of Haj Minister Haji Yakub Qureshi to stall any further move by him to arouse fundamentalist sentiments of Muslims. The Minister had reportedly promised Rs. 51 crore for the head of Danish cartoonist.

– Haj minister must be arrested: Chawla. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 4.

Uttar Pradesh Minister of State for Haj, Haji Yaqoob Qureshi was caught travelling allegedly without proper ticket in a train on September 15 night,

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railway officials said on September 16. He was fined Rs. 14,000.

– Minister fined for ticketless travel. *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 1.

Uttar Pradesh Haj Minister, Haji Yakub Qureshi, who, along with his three supporters, was allegedly caught travelling without ticket early on September 16, described the incident as "politically motivated". According to GRP sources, they had received information about the minister's entourage creating ruckus on the train after the ticketing staff asked for tickets.

– Minister caught travelling without ticket, fined. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 1.

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Rabri Devi

Proceedings in the Bihar Assembly touched its low on February 28 with the Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister, Mrs Rabri Devi, showed a shoe to BJP MLA Ramdhar Singh during heated exchanges on the deteriorating law and order situation in the State.

– Rabri shows shoe to MLA. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 2.

Radhey Shyam

Former International basketball player Radhey Shyam died on August 19 at his native village in Rajasthan following a massive heart attack. He was 54. Radhey Shyam played for the country in the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi. He was honoured with the Arjuna Award for excelling in the sport in his decade-long international career.

– Ex-cager dead. *Sunday Tribune.* August 20, 2006: 22.

Olympian Radhey Shyam, who died last week, was one of the finest basketball players India has produced in the recent decades. He was 54. Radhey Shyam played for India not only in Moscow Olympics in 1980 but also in the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi. Radhey Shyam also represented the country in the Asian Basketball Championship in Kuala Lumpur in 1977, Nagoya in 1979, Kolkata in 1981, Hong Kong in 1983 and Kuala Lumpur in 1985. In the Kolkata Asian Basketball Championship, he had the honour of leading India.

– Radhey Shyam: a great basketball player. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 22.

Rafi Muhammad

The police apprehend Rafi Muhammad, one of the main accused in the HP-CPMT case, from Tumkur district of Karnataka on October 30. He was involved in tutoring students at the mock classes in Mussorie.

– Main accused in CPMT case held. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 9.

Raghavulu, B.V.

The Congress Government in the state has slapped a Rs 10 crore defamation suit against CPM politburo member and state secretary B.V. Raghavulu. The notice was issued by the Irrigation Department in response to allegations made by Mr Raghavulu in the media that kickbacks to the tune of Rs 1000 crore changed hands in awarding contracts for major irrigation projects in

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the state.

– Rs 10 crore defamation suit against CPM leader. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 20.

Raghbir Singh

Baba Gurpinder Singh of Gurusar Satlani in a press conference in Amritsar on March 19 urged the government and the authorities concerned to take action against Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Secretary Raghbir Singh, who is also the receiver of the Gurdwara Guru sar Satlani, and other employees for allegedly attacking and injuring sevadar Gurmej Singh.

– Action against SGPC secy. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006:5.

Mr Raghbir Singh, who was placed under suspension for projecting himself as candidate from the Rajasansi Assembly constituency as a rebel Akali candidate, on September 6 resumed the charge of Secretary on the order of the Sikh Gurdwara Judicial Commission (SGJC) in Amritsar.

– Suspended Secy resumes charge on SGJC order. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 4.

Raghunath

Young penalty corner specialist Raghunath will replace injured drag-flicker Sandeep Singh in the Indian squad for the Hockey World Cup, beginning in Germany on Wednesday.

– Raghunath replaces Sandeep in World Cup squad. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 18.

Raghupathy, M.

The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a charge-sheet against former secretary-general, M. Raghupathy, of Janta Dal (U) and another activist of the party, Suresh Mankunnil, for taking bribe to influence public servants so as to procure supply orders for 'Hand-held Thermal Imagers' from the Ministry of Defence.

– Tehelka: CBI charge sheet against 2 JD (U) men. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 2.

Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiyya

The infamous independent MLA from Kunda, Kunwar Raghuraj Pratap Singh, alias Raja Bhaiya, was on January 21 re-inducted into the Mulayam Singh Yadav Ministry as a Cabinet Minister, a month after being granted bail by a Madhya Pradesh POTA court.

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- Raja Bhaiya back as UP Cabinet Minister. *Sunday Tribune.* January 22, 2006: 1.

A local court issued non-bailable warrants against Uttar Pradesh Food Minister Raghuraj Pratap Singh, alias Raja Bhaiyya, his father Uday Pratap Singh and Samajwadi Party MP Akshay Pratap Singh in Partapgarh on November 10 evening. Chief Judicial Magistrate Satyanand Upadhaya issued the warrants on three criminal cases registered against them in Manikpur, Kunda and Nawabganj police stations.

- Warrants against 'Raja Bhaiyya'. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006:1.

Raha, Subir

The government has given additional charge as CMD, ONGC to Mr R.S. Sharma, Director (Finance), the seniormost director in the Board, and decided not to give any extension to the controversial but acclaimed CMD Subir Raha.

- Subir Raha retires as ONGC chief. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 21.

Referring to allegations made by the previous minister in a presentation to the Prime Minister's Office on December 16, 2005, Raha said "overwhelmingly, information was suppressed or distorted or even invented to raise these allegations." "It is disheartening that the unprecedented effort since 2001 to achieve improvements in every aspect of the ONGC, with unwavering focus on E&P, has been subjected to disparaging opinions based on deliberate distortions," Mr Raha wrote giving a 14-page point-by-point rebuttal to each allegation, "...truth should not be drowned in prejudice," he said.

- Raha regrets 'distortion' of ONGC performance. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006:15.

In violation of its own directives, the UPA government's decision not to accord extension to ONGC's CMD Subir Raha has rattled and demoralised the top brass of PSUs.

- Non-extension to Raha annoys PSU top brass. *Tribune.* June 07, 2006:14.

Former ONGC CMD Subir Raha has been awarded the prestigious 'Energy Executive of the Year' award instituted by London-based renowned energy journal *Petroleum Economist*. Mr Raha beat Elias Velasco Garcia of Union Fenosa Gas, John Lau of Husky Energy, Alexander Medavedev of Gazexport and Adnan Shihab-Eldin, acting secretary of OPEC to bag the award, industry sources said.

- Award for Raha. *Tribune.* September 15, 2006: 17.

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Rahelu, Rajinder Singh

Punjab's Paralympic powerlifter Rajinder Singh Rahelu has bagged the bronze medal (60 kg category) in the 9th Fespic Games (Para-Asian games for the disabled) being held in Kuala Lumpur.

– Rahelu wins bronze in Asian meet. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 19.

Rahi, B.R.

The Himachal Government has given an extension of two years to Mr B.R. Rahi, Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBSE), after the completion of his three-year tenure, according to a communication of the Board received in Chamba on April 9.

– School board chief gets 2-yr extension. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 12.

The Himachal Pradesh Books Sellers Association has accused the Chairman of the Board of School Education, Mr B.R. Rahi, of concealing and distorting facts regarding the reference books recommended by the board for Class XI and XII.

– Book sellers seek Rahi's clarification. *Tribune.* June 19, 2006: 18.

Rai, Aishwarya

"Dilli Chalo" will be the leitmotif of the 15-minute cultural extravaganza, which will have dollops of colour and galmour with film diva Aishwarya Rai performing a ballet, at the closing ceremony of the 18th Commonwealth Games to be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on March 26.

– Aishwarya to perform ballet at Melbourne. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 22.

The Customs Department has called actress Aishwarya Rai for questioning in connection with a packet in her name that contained undeclared 23,000 Euros (Rs 13 lakh), received by the foreign post office in Mumbai.

– Aish in Cash Row. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 1.

Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai on November 15 expressed surprise at reports that the Customs Department had received a parcel addressed to her that contained 23,000 Euros (Rs 13 lakh) and said she would sort out the issue with the authorities. "This is as much news to me and my family as it is to you and the rest of the world. We know nothing," Aishwarya, shooting for Ashutosh Gowariker's film "Akbar Jodha" in Jaipur, told NDTV. "My lawyers and my father will work out the issue with officials," she said.

– What cash ask Aish. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006: 17.

Customs officials on November 20 gave a clean chit "as of now" to Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai in connection with a parcel containing 23,000 euros (around Rs 14 lakh) sent to her from the Netherlands.

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– Customs' clean chit to Ash. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 20.

Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan, his son Abhishek and Aishwarya Rai arrived in Varanasi on November 26 night and are likely to perform a puja at a temple in Varanasi in the early hours of tomorrow, heightening speculation about a marriage between the younger Bachchan and the actress.

– Wedding bells? Bachchans, Ash in Kashi. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006:2.

A case has been filed against Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai and actor Hrithik Roshan for an alleged obscene sequence in their recently released film Dhoom-2. The case was filed in the court of judicial magistrate (First Class) R.K. Batham by advocate Shailendra Dwivedi under Sections 292 (vulgarity) and 509 (derogatory to women) of the IPC.

– Case against Ash, Hrithik. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 24.

Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai on December 28 paid obeisance at the tomb of Sufi saint Khawaja Moinudeen Chisti in Ajmer and offered prayers at the Brahma temple at Pushkar, near Ajmer.

– Ash offers prayers. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 2.

Rai, Rajbir Kaur

Though only four hockey players from Punjab will play for India in the Doha Asian Games, both the men's and women's hockey teams will have their managers from the state — Hardeep Singh Dhillon and Rajbir Kaur Rai, respectively.

– Hardeep, Rajbir hockey team managers. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006:19.

Rai, Sonia

Sonia Rai struck her first major international medal by winning the bronze in women's 10 m air pistol while Samresh Jung finished sixth among men on the second day of the ISSF World Cup at Resende in Brazil.

– Sonia wins bronze in shooting. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 22.

Rai, Tarundeep

Awardees Tarundeep Rai and Dola Banerjee will lead India's campaign at the upcoming World Cup and Doha Asian Games. Jayanta Talukdar and Chekrovolu Swuro were also in the squad announced by the Archery Association of India on September 11. The World Cup is being played at Shanghai from September 26 and Asian Games from December 1.

– Tarundeep, Dola to lead at World Cup. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006: 18.

Raina, Deepak (Col)

The Army has ordered trial by a general court martial of Colonel Deepak

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Raina held blameworthy for leak of highly sensitive military information, which was reportedly passed on the Pakistani intelligence by an Army jawan posted as a clerk in his office, it is learnt.

– Colonel to face court martial for information leak. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 1.

A general court martial has dismissed a Colonel from service over the leak of highly sensitive military information, which was reportedly passed on to Pakistani intelligence by an army jawan posted as a clerk in his office, it is learnt. Copies of certain reports and documents were made by the officer when he was posted to Dharamsala for raising 9 Corps, which were duplicated by the clerk and later passed on to the Pakistani operatives.

– Colonel dismissed for leaking information. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 1.

Raina, Suresh

India found a new match-winner in young Suresh Raina, who slammed an unbeaten 81 after another top-order batting collapse, to steer India to a thrilling four-wicket victory over England in the second onedayers in Faridabad on March 31.

– Raina steers India to thrilling win. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 22.

Skipper Rahul Dravid on March 31 said the manner in which youngsters Suresh Raina and Mahendra Singh Dhoni went about winning the second one-day international against England on March 31 was a "great sign" for the future.

– Dravid salutes young guns. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 22.

Rajbir Kaur

Rajbir Kaur, the SAI women judo coach who shot to infamy when she bashed up her superior in full public glare within the NIS premises in Patiala on July 14, has been transferred to the SAI Corporate Office in New Delhi.

– Erring woman judo coach shifted. *Tribune.* August 10, 2006: 18.

Raje, Vasundhara

An advocate in Jodhpur in November 30 lodged a complaint in a lower court for obscenity against Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and Biocon's CEO Kiran Majumdar Shaw for their lip-locking incident and also against a newspaper for publishing its photograph.

– Lip-lock row. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 1.

Rajendra Rajan

"Band Darwaze", a short story collection by Rajendra Rajan has been

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selected for the Chanderdhar Sharma Guleri state award by the Himachal Government. The award carries a citation, "angvastra" and Rs 10,000. The award will be presented to Rajan by the Chief Minister at Shimla at a function to be organised by the Department of Languages and Culture in February, 2007.

– State award for 'band darwaze'. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 9.

Rajendra Singh

Mr Rajendra Singh Magsaysay awardee for 2001, who was in Chandigarh to celebrate the fortnight-long Lala Lajpat Rai's Martyrdom Fortnight at Lajpat Rai Bhavan on November 17, delivered a lecture on "Community control over natural resources-a future perspective".

– Need to raise water level, says Rajendra Singh. *Tribune.* November 18, 2006: 3.

Rajesh alias Raja

The police has arrested Rajesh, alias Raja, resident of Lohari Ragho village, for his alleged involvement in case of murder, attempt to murder, vehicle-snatching, extortion, looting, dacoity and bank robbery registered at Hisar, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Kaithal and Sikar in Rajasthan.

– Most-wanted criminal held. *Tribune.* July 14, 2006: 7.

Rajeshwar, T.V.

In an unprecedented move, the High Court on Friday constituted a full Bench in the middle of the summer vacation while declaring the Governors orders unnecessary over the transfer and suspension of additional legal advisor P.K. Dubey. Understandably, Mr Rajeswar did not relieve his Law Officer P.K. Dubey, when the orders came from the High Court.

– Adviser issue: Governor leaves for Delhi. *Tribune.* June 26, 2006: 20.

An encircled Samajwadi Party (SP) on December 8 went on an offensive and demanded the recall of Uttar Pradesh Governor T.V. Rajeshwar alleging that he was conspiring against the Mulayam Singh Yadav Government in connivance with the Congress.

– Recall Governor, SP urges Kalam. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 2.

Rajinder Nath

Mr Rajinder Nath, Chairman of Gopi Appliances Ltd, Ambala City, was chosen unanimously as President of the Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) at a meeting of the chamber held in Ambala on June 4.

– Rajinder Nath is HCCI chief. *Tribune.* June 06, 2006: 16.

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Rajinder Singh, Jr.

Exonerating chief coach Rajinder Singh of the dismal performance of the team in big events, Mr Gill put a stop on all speculations of his (Rajinder) ousting. "The coach could not be held responsible for the stupid mistakes of the players," said Mr Gill.

– Gagan, Prabhjot out, Rajinder stays. *Tribune.* February 03, 2006: 20.

Going by the outbursts of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) Secretary Jyothikumaran and Indian hockey team coach Rajinder Singh Junior on February 20 night at a social gathering after the Indo-Pak match, the two are once again pitted against each other. The war of words between the two could well lead to the ouster of the hockey coach as the axe might just fall on him, according to sources.

– Rajinder 'unhappy' with team selection. *Tribune.* February 22, 2006: 18.

Continuing its hire-and-fire policy, the Indian Hockey Federation on April 3 sacked Rajinder Singh Junior and appointed Olympian Vasudevan Bhaskaran for yet another stint with the national team. Rajinder, who remained at the helm for one year, earned the dubious distinction of being the ninth coach to be shown the door by IHF supremo K P S Gill.

– Bhaskaran appointed chief coach. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 18.

Rajinder Singh Junior on April 4 lashed out at the Indian Hockey Federation for taking Indian hockey to a new low. Talking to *The Tribune*, the former Olympian said the IHF, especially its secretary Jyothikumaran, was responsible for the mess Indian hockey was in at the moment. "The Federation is a mere puppet in the hands of the Secretary," alleged the former coach and added that the IHF was not serious in improving hockey because of the vested interests in the Federation. "This very fact made it very difficult for me to function in such an environment," he alleged.

– IHF ruining Indian hockey: Rajinder. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006:18.

Rajinder Singh Jr, who was recently sacked as national coach, on April 13 lashed out at the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), saying that team performance during his stint was hampered by constant chopping of players.

– Rajinder Jr slams IHF. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 23.

Former Indian chief hockey coach Rajinder Singh Jr on April 14 clarified that he was not sacked by the Indian Hockey Federation. The Punjab and Sind Bank official said he was not available due to family reasons.

– Quitting was my decision, says Rajinder Jr. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 22.

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Raj Kumar

He was a police officer, a sportsman, a sports administrator, a good friend and above all a dedicated father. He was none other than Mr Raj Kumar, "Bau Ji" of Punjab hockey, who retired as Superintendent of Police. He died on September 10 after a prolonged illness. Both his sons, Charanjit Kumar and Gundeep Kumar, are Olympians.

– 'Bau Ji' of Punjab hockey. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006: 19.

Rajkumar

Kannadigas took to the streets in Bangalore stoning and burning buses and cars even as the city slipped into a state of mass hysteria following the death of Kannada film industry icon Rajkumar who died of cardiac arrest at his residence in the city on April 12 afternoon.

– Actor Rajkumar dead. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 16.

Kannda film industry icon Rajkumar was laid to rest amidst chaos and violence, which claimed five lives, including that of a police constable, after frenzied fans literally turned into hoodlums.

– Rajkumar cremated amid chaos. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 2.

Eventually, even idols have to disappear. Yet this was no clay idol, nor an idol with feet of clay. In almost every one of his films, the first sight of Rajkumar is a glimpse of his feet. In life as in films, the evergreen Kannda matinee idol, adored by million, stood firmly on his own two feet; steadfast in a cause and never swayed by passing political winds. His politics was his love of the Kannada language. His passion was to ensure that its primacy prevailed in Karnataka, and he led many a campaign for Kannada.

– The Rajkumar phenomenon. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 12.

Rajnath Singh

Mr Lal Krishna Advani on December 31 formally quit as the President of the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) at a press conference in Mumbai marking the end of the Party's silver jubilee celebrations, Mr Advani said he was handing over the reins of the Party to Rajnath Singh.

– Advani quits, it's over to Gen Next. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006:1.

Former Uttar Pradesh CM Rajnath Singh's new innings will begin on January 02 when he assumes charge of the BJP, succeeding Mr L.K. Advani who stepped down as the Party President on December 31.

– Rajnath Singh to take over as BJP chief today. *Tribune.* January 02, 2006: 1.

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Marking a generational change in the saffron party, the 54-year-old former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr Rajnath Singh, on January 2 took over the mantle from septuagenarian L.K. Advani as the new BJP President, and sought to put the party on the RSS path by categorically asserting that there would be no compromise on corruption, misconduct and indiscipline, issues which have bedevilled the Party in the recent past.

– Rajnath takes over as BJP President. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006:2.

The RSS domination over the saffron party became clear on January 20 when newly elected BJP President Rajnath Singh heralded party's return to Hindutva by strongly espousing the long-cherished issues of construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, abrogation of Article 370, and the implementation of Uniform Civil Code.

– Rajnath signals Hindutva agenda. *Tribune.* January 21, 2006: 1.

BJP president Rajnath Singh on March 19 accused the Congress-led UPA Government of indulging in minority appeasement by "trying to introduce reservation on the basis of religion".

– Cong indulging in minority appeasement: Rajnath. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006: 21.

Bangladeshi Muslims took to streets in Dhaka on August 18 afternoon prayers to protest against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Rajnath Singh's recent remarks that India should send its security forces into Pakistan and Bangladesh to destroy suspected terrorist hubs there.

– Protest in Dhaka over BJP leader's remark. *Tribune.* August 19, 2006:11.

In a sharp attack on the UPA government's Pakistan policy, BJP President Rajnath Singh on September 24 accused Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of "vote bank" politics, saying that the joint mechanism with Islamabad on terror was "nothing but begging for more terror attacks from Pakistan in future.

– Rajnath attacks UPA govt's Pak policy. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006:2.

Mr Rajnath Singh was on November 26 re-elected BJP President for a three-year term, national returning officer O.P.Kohli announced. Mr Singh's unopposed re-election was announced half an hour ahead of the closure of the time of receiving the nomination papers.

– Rajnath re-elected BJP chief. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 1.

BJP President Rajnath Singh, who faced resistance from the police on his way to Singur on December 4, was arrested near Dankuni along with his State counterpart, Sukumar Banerjee and party secretary, Rahul Sinha.

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– Naxalites ransack Tata showroom. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 1.

Rajpurohit, Anant

Between two Army captains on the victory podium at the Chandigarh Horse Show on April 27 was a 14-year-old who had beaten them in the open hacks event. Not only this, Anant Rajpurohit of Shivalik Riding and Polo Club (SRPC) won four medals on April 27, the highest tally in a single day for any rider at the show.

– Anant gallops to victory. *Tribune.* April 28, 2006: 23.

Rajput, Sanjeev

Son of a roadside rehriwala in Jagadhri has done the country proud. He broke a 20-year old record in the 50 metre prone rifle shooting by winning an individual bronze in the category at the just concluded Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. It was in 1986 that an Indian had won a medal in this category.

– Sanjeev sets new record. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 18.

Sanjeev Rajput of Navy created a new national record in the men's 50 metre rifle prone national championship by scoring 698.4 points to win the gold medal in the 50th National Shooting Championship in Indore on December 17.

– Sanjeev Rajput sets new record. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 18.

Raju, Edwin

Tainted weightlifter Edwin Raju and team-mate Azkir Asadullah were grilled for six hours by a three-member inquiry panel of officers from the city-based Army Sports Institute (ASI) over the last two days to establish facts pertaining to doping charges at the 18th Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne recently.

– ASI inquiry panel grills Edwin Raju. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 22.

Rakesh Chander

Mr Rakesh Chander, Deputy Principal Secretary to the Punjab Chief Minister, has been absorbed into the Punjab Police Cadre. This comes in line with the state government's policy to absorb officers from the central cadre whose performance had been commendable during anti-terrorist operations.

– Rakesh Chander absorbed in Punjab Police. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006:5.

Rakesh Kumar

The CBI is to question Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Rakesh Kumar for his alleged role in human trafficking to Berlin in

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September 2005 and was contemplating filing another case of possession of disproportionate assets against him.

– MEA officer involved in human trafficking? *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 1.

Senior MEA official Rakesh Kumar, who is accused of having involved in human trafficking by the CBI, is understood to have got himself admitted to a hospital in Munich in Germany.

– MEA official admitted to Munich hospital. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 20.

Senior Indian Foreign Service officer Rakesh Kumar, named by the CBI in the human trafficking case, arrived in New Delhi on April 14 morning after prolonging his hospitalisation in a German city for nearly a fortnight.

– Booked MEA man arrives. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 20.

Ramadoss, Anbumani

The Bharatiya Janata Party on July 7 asked Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to sack Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss for messing up the administration of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

– Sack Ramadoss: BJP. *Tribune.* July 08, 2006: 2.

The Bharatiya Janata Party on August 3 asked the UPA Government to remove Health and Family Welfare Minister Anbumani Ramadoss from the Council of Ministers for his uncanny interference in AIIMS' affairs.

– Ramadoss' removal sought. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 21.

The Delhi High Court on August 24 took a serious view of the Government failing to submit a reply to the petition seeking the removal of Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss as President of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) governing body.

– HC warning over Ramadoss' inclusion. *Tribune.* August 25, 2006: 11.

The disqualification petition against Union Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss in the office of profit case is understood to have been dismissed by the Election Commission.

– EC clears Ramadoss in OoP case. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 18.

Ramalinga Raju, B.

Nasscom, the premier chamber of commerce of the IT software and services industry in India, on April 11 announced the appointment of Mr B. Ramalinga Raju, Founder and Chairman of Satyam Computer Services, as the Chairman of Nasscom for 2006-07.

– Nasscom chief, *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 17.

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Ramani, Bina

The Delhi High Court on March 29 refused permission to the Jessica Lall murder prime witness Bina Ramani to visit Thailand, ostensibly to attend the marriage of her niece. Justice Vikramjit Sen also refused to quash the "look-out notices" served on the witnesses who had deposed in the ramp model Jessica Lall case in 1999.

- HC refuses permission to Bina Ramani to go abroad. *Tribune.* March 30, 2006: 2.

The Delhi Police has registered a case against socialite Bina Ramani for forging documents to acquire a licence to run a restaurant at the Tamarind Court in South Delhi, where ramp model Jessica Lall was murdered on April 19, 1999.

- Forgery case against Bina Ramani. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006:1.

A Delhi court on September 4 issued non-bailable warrants against socialite Bina Ramani in case of cheating for acquiring a licence to run a bar at Mehrauli is South Delhi. Reacting to the issuance of warrants, Bina Ramani has accused the Delhi Police of trying to keep her and her family, both key witnesses to the murder of Jessica Lall, away from the case.

- Non-bailable warrants against Bina Ramani. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 1.

Socialite Bina Ramani, a key witness in the Jessica Lall murder case, was on September 6 arrested in Goa, two days after a Delhi court issued a non-bailable warrant against her in a cheating case.

- Bina Ramani arrested. *Tribune.* September 07, 2006: 1.

Socialite Bina Ramani was remanded to four-day police custody by a Delhi court in New Delhi on September 7. Bina Ramani the key witness in the Jessica Lall murder case, who was arrested on September 6 in Goa in connection with cheating and forgery case, on September 7 collapsed in the court where she was produced.

- Bina Ramani gets police remand. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 2.

The police custody of Bina Ramani, owner of Tamarind Court restaurant and key witness in Jessica Lall murder case, has been extended for two days by a Delhi court accepting the prosecution plea that she was not cooperating in the investigation.

- Police custody of Ramani extended. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006: 20.

A Delhi court on September 13 remanded 14 days judicial custody to Bina Ramani, prime witness in Jessica Lall murder case and owner of Tamarind

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Court restaurant. She has been sent to judicial custody till September 27.

– Ramani in judicial custody. *Tribune.* September 14, 2006: 1.

Socialite Bina Ramni, an accused in a cheating-cum-forgery case and a key witness in Jessica Lall murder case, was granted bail in New Delhi on September 15.

– Bina Ramani gets bail. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006: 24.

Socialite Bina Ramni, charged with destruction of evidence after the murder of Jessica Lall in her restaurant and an accused in a cheating-cum-forgery case, was released from Tihar jail on September 16.

– Bina Ramani released. *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 1.

Ramaswamy, Sriram (Prof)

Prof Sriram Ramaswamy, of Centre for Condensed Matter Theory, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, has been given the 16th G.D. Birla Award for Scientific Research for the year 2006. Prof Ramaswamy's research specialisation is in the field of statistical mechanics and dynamics of soft and biological matter. Among his major contributions is a theory of spatiotemporal reho-chaos in sheared orientable fluids.

– GD Birla award for Prof Ramaswamy. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006:20.

Ramdev, Swami

"I have specific information that Ms Karat had a meeting with the representatives of certain MNCs on December 29 after which she levelled the allegation at their behest," Ramdev said. Announcing that any agency could inspect his unit, the famed yoga expert said the sample which was tested by the Union Health Ministry was provided by Ms Karat herself. "It is possible that Ms Karat provided an adulterated sample to the lab after faking it as a product of my pharmacy," he added.

– Ramdev ready to face probe. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 14.

CPI(M) Politburo member Brinda Karat on January 3 once again accused yoga guru Swami Ramdev-owned Divya Yog Pharmacy of selling drugs containing animal residue, saying that the Union Health Ministry had confirmed that Ayurvedic medicines prepared by Baba Ramdev contained animal parts.

– Ramdev's medicines have animal residue: Karat. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 14.

Samples of medicines allegedly prepared by yoga guru Ramdev did test positives for animal and human contents, Union Minister Anbumani Ramadoss

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said on January 4. "CPI-M leader Brinda Karat, an MP, supplied those sample to us, which we got tested. Now we have asked Uttaranchal's drug controllers to investigate the case," the minister said after a health cooperation agreement with South Africa in New Delhi.

- Ramdev's medicines did carry animal, human traces: govt. *Tribune.* January 05, 2006: 1.

Yoga Guru Swami Ramdev fears a possible threat to his life. He said he had received several threats through mail and email and he might not live much long. However, he said this would not deter him from pursuing his mission of creating a healthy India by his yogic and spiritual teachings.

- Swami Ramdev fears threat to life. *Tribune.* May 06, 2006: 5.

In view of the recent disclosure by renowned yoga Guru Swami Ramdev about a possible threat to his life, district police has provided special security to him during his nine-day visit to the city. He reached Karnal on May 9 for a yoga camp from May 11 to May 17 being held under the aegis of Patanjli Yog Prashikshan Samiti Karnal.

- Special security for Swami Ramdev. *Tribune.* May 11, 2006: 7.

The perceived hatred between people of India and Pakistan was not a natural phenomenon but had been generated by vested interests for their selfish motives, said Swami Ram Dev during his visit to Wagah to witness the Retreat ceremony on November 17.

- Ramdev a big hit at Wagah. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006: 4.

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev has courted the wrath of followers of Mahatma Gandhi for his comment that Gandhi's non-violence alone did not achieve freedom for the country. "If somebody says that the country achieved independence without arms, without bloodshed, I believe that is an insult to the country's martyrs,"he added.

- Baba Ramdev invites Gandhians' wrath. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006:2.

Ramdhari Singh

Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Ramdhari Singh alias Mohan Yadav was killed in the early hours of September 16 in Buxar. He was returning to Bhabhua, district headequarters of Kaimur, from Patna after attending a rally addressed by party chief Lalu Prasad on Friday.

- RJD leader killed. *The Hindu.* September 17, 2006: 1.

Ramesh Chandra (Prof)

The Haryana Governor, Dr A.R. Kidwai, on March 12 asked Prof Ramesh Chandra, former Vice-Chancellor of Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, to step

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down as a member of the Executive Council of Kurukshetra University. Prof Chandra was sacked by the U.P. Governor and Chancellor of Bundelkahnd University, Mr T.V. Rajeswar, on July 16, 2006, after an inquiry conducted by Mr S.S. Yadav, Commissioner, Jhansi division, indicted him.

– Kidwai's flip-flop on varsity nomination. *Tribune.* March 13, 2006: 9.

The Haryana Governor, Dr A.R. Kidwai, who had nominated Prof Ramesh Chandra, former Vice-Chancellor of Bundelkhand University, to the Executive Committee of Kurukshetra University, against the rules, on April 26 rectified the mistake.

– Prof Ramesh Chandra's resignation accepted. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006:7.

Ramesh Kumar

The Haryana Punjabi Academy has conferred the prestigious Santokh Singh Puraskar of Rs 1 lakh on Dr Ramesh Kumar, the Principal of Mukand Lal National College, Yamunanagar. The award was presented by Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda at a function recently.

– Haryana honours Punjabi poet. *Tribune.* March 13, 2006: 18.

Ramnarayan Das, Sadhu

Sadhu Ramnarayan Das (65), an active member of the Ayodhya movement, who had complained of a threat to his life from a section of the BJP leadership was found battered to death on February 17. One of the named accused in the main FIR lodged in the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, Ram Narayan was reportedly upset with the top BJP leadership after the Ayodhya demolition case was split.

– Main accused in Ayodhya case killed. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 1.

Ramoowalia, Iqbal

"The Midair Frown" by Iqbal Ramoowalia focuses on the Canadian version of the Khalistani movement that raged in Punjab through the 1980s. The novel is built around one of the worst aviation tragedies that shook the world — the blowing up of the Air-India Being, Kanishka, which resulted in the death of over 329 persons.

– Ramoowalia pens book on Khalistan. *Sunday Tribune.* August 27, 2006:8.

Rana, Abhishek

After the November 22 gold medal winning effort by Abhishek Rana in the 1-km time trial event, the hosts once again put up an impressive show by winning the gold in the 1500m team time trial event and the Olympic team sprint, with the hero of both races being Abhishek Rana.

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– Punjabi varisity bag two gold. *Tribune.* November 24, 2006: 21.

Rana, Jaspal

Jaspal Rana created a new world record scoring 591 out of 600 on his way to bag the gold in the centre fire event at the Australia Cup in Melbourne.

– Jaspal Rana breaks world record. *Tribune.* February 11, 2006: 23.

Jaspal Rana repeated history and shot his way to glory and gold in the 25m standard pistol competition as India won their first shooting title in the Asian Games after a gap of 12 years in Doha.

– Gold for Rana. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 1.

Jaspal Rana strode the Lusail Shooting Range like a colossus and did the country proud, once again, by equalling the world record in 25m centre fire pistol to earn two more gold medals and, in the process, become the only Indian marksman to script three triumphs in an edition of the Asian Games in Doha in December 8.

– Three cheers for Rana. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 1.

Japsal Rana, who came back from oblivion to scoop up three gold medals in pistol events in Doha, was on December 12 declared the best sportsperson of the 15th Asian Games.

– Rana is best sportsperson. *Tribune.* December 13, 2006: 18.

The Indian Olympic Association had jumped the guess in their eagerness to tom-tom the feats of shooter Jaspal Rana by claiming he had won the Most Valuable Player of the Doha Asian Games award before an official announcement was made to the contrary by the organisers on December 15.

– IOA blamed for Rana *faux pas*. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 22.

Triple Asian gold medallist shooter Japsal Rana said on December 17 that he had set his eyes on the 2012 London Olympics as not much time was remaining for the next edition slated in Beijing in 2008.

– Jaspal Rana. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 18.

Rana, P.S.

Mr P.S. Rana, a 1970-batch, IAS office of the Himachal cadre, will be the Chief Information Comissioner (CIC) for the state. His name for the post was shortlisted by a high-level committee headed by the Chief Minister in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition.

– P.S. Rana is CIC. *Tribune.* January 20, 2006: 13.

Mr P.S. Rana took the oath of office as the Chief Information Comissioner

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in the presence of Governor V.S. Kokje at a simple but impressive ceremony held at Raj Bhavan on March 1.

– Info chief takes oath. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 10.

Rana, Sher Singh

The Delhi police has arrested Sher Singh Rana, the prime accused in the murder case of bandit-turned-politician Phoolan Devi, from Kolkata. Rana had been arrested earlier, but he escaped from the high-security Tihar Jail in New Delhi in February, 2004.

– Prime accused in Phoolan murder case arrested. *Tribune.* April 26, 2006:2.

Rana, Vinod

The CBI, which had registered a case in a designated court in New Delhi recently, arrested two other former Navy officers, V.K. Jha and Vinod Rana, from Muzaffarpur in Bihar and Dwarka in Delhi, respectively.

– 3 ex-Navy officers held. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 1.

Ranaut, Kangana

Two girls, including the sister of Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut were injured when an unidentified man threw acid on them in Dehra on October 5, a police official said.

– Actress Kangana's sister hurt in acid attack. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 24.

Ranawat, Laxman Singh

The Regional Director of the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Laxman Singh Ranawat, has been promoted to the post of Executive Director, SAI.

– Ranawat promoted. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006: 22.

Randhawa, Jyoti

Top Indian golfer Jyoti Randhawa continued to enjoy his status as the highest ranked player of the country, according to the latest official world golf rankings. With his current ranking of 113, Randhawa (with 1.23 average points) is the third Asian on the list.

– Randhawa No. 1. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 18.

Unfazed by the star-studded field and cool in the sauna-like conditions, Jyoti Randhawa, eyeing an encore of his 2000 triumph in Singapore, returned an opening round of three-under 68 for the third place in the $ 3 million Barclays Singapore Open in Singapore on September 7.

– Randhawa soars to third place. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 22.

Jyoti Randhawa used his experience and newly acquired relaxed attitude

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on October 23 to beat Shiv Shankar Prasad Chowrasia in the second play-off hole of the Hero Honda Indian Open golf tournament, which was extended to the fifth day in New Delhi.

- Randhawa wins Indian Open. *Tribune.* October 24, 2006: 19.

Jyoti Randhawa has overtaken compatriot Jeev Milkha Singh as the top-ranked Indian player in the latest Official World Golf Rankings following his play-off victory at the Hero Honda Indian Open. Randhawa jumped a whopping 44 places to reach the 102nd spot- — a hairbreadth away from the top- 100 bracket — with 1.45 average points.

- Jyoti becomes highest ranked Indian golfer. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006: 18.

Jyoti Randhawa displayed near-perfect golf, carding a superb four-under 68 to grab a one-stroke lead over the rest of the field after the penultimate round of the BILT Open in Greater Noida on October 28.

- Randhawa takes sole lead. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 23.

Ridding on a flawless back nine and capping his excellent run on home soil, the country's top golfer Jyoti Randhawa added another feather to his already well-decorated cap when he lifted the BILT Open with a comfortable three-shot lead over his nearest rival in Greater Noida on October 29.

- Randhawa wins golf title. *Tribune.* October 30, 2006: 18.

Jyoti Randhawa stole the thunder from world number one Tiger Woods with a flawless seven-under par 65 for a one-stroke lead on the opening day of the $5 million HSBC Champions golf in Shanghai on November 9. Randhawa fired a blistering seven birdies to lead by one stroke from Korea's Yang Yongeun, 2005 US Open champion Michael Campbell of New Zealand and Scotsman Marc Warren at the Sheshan International Club course.

- Jyoti, Jeev eclipse Tiger on day one. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 18.

Jyoti Randhawa played a brilliant back nine to card a first round of six-under 64 and take a share of the lead at the $2 million UBS Hong Kong Open at the Fanling Country Club in Hong Kong on November 16.

- Jyoti in joint lead. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 20.

Randhawa, Kuljeet

Television actress and model Kuljeet Randhawa (25) committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan of her apartment at Juhu in suburban Mumbai. A suicide note left behind by Kuljeet said she was taking the extreme step because she was fed up with "life's pressures".

- TV star Kuljeet Randhawa hangs herself to death. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 1.

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Randhawa, Nikki (Haley)

Nikki Randhawa Haley, a Sikh American woman, has been named a majority whip for the House Republican Caucus in the South Carolina General Assembly.

– Sikh American woman is Republican whip. *Tribune.* January 18, 2006:9.

Randhawa, Ranjit Singh

Former Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Chief, Bibi Jagir Kaur on November 8 demanded transfer of Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Ranjit Singh Randhawa allegedly for using his influence for the political benefit of his brother-in-law, Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who is Kapurthala District Congress Committee president.

– Bibi Jagir Kaur seeks transfer of HC judge. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 15.

Randhir Singh

Indian Olympic Association Secretary-General Randhir Singh, who is also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has been nominated to the Board of the International Olympic Truce Foundation (IOTF).

– Randhir Singh on IOTF Board. *Tribune.* May 09, 2006: 18.

Rangachari, T.C.A.

Two more senior diplomats — India's Ambassador to France, Mr T.C.A. Rangachari and High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Veena Sikri, are understood to have put in their papers in protest against the appointment of Mr Shiv Shanker Menon as the Foreign Secretary.

– 2 more diplomats put in papers. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 1.

Rangarajan, C. (Dr)

The Governor of Haryana and Chancellor of MDU, Dr A.R. Kidwai, conferred the degree of D.Litt *Honoris Causa* on Dr C. Rangarajan and noted writer Khushwant Singh. The Chancellor also awarded Ph. D degrees to as many as 82 scholars.

– Need to maintain growth momentum: Rangarajan. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 7.

Dr C. Rangarajan has accepted the chairmanship of the working group to deliberate on balanced economic development, employment generation and subregional development within the state.

– Ahmadi, Rasgotra to head J&K working panels. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006:1.

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Rani Abhay (Dr)

Dr Rani Abhay Bang of the "Search" organisation, based in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra, and Dr S.N. Subba Rao, who is the director of the of the National Youth Project, are among the winners of the prestigious Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation Awards to be given away on November 6.

- Jamnalal Bajaj award for Dr Rani, Subba Rao, *Tribune.* October 05, 2006: 15.

Ranjit Singh

A State Government notification issued on September 19 dashed Ranjit Singh's hope of getting the status of Cabinet Minister. He will now be the first Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Board without the status of Cabinet Minister. All his predecessors in the office, since the inception of Haryana, had enjoyed Cabinet rank.

- Ranjit Singh denied Cabinet status. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 7.

Ranjit Singh, Bhai

Former Jathedar of Akal Takht, Bhai Ranjit Singh, who was stopped at Vancouver airport and questioned for about 12 hours, would land at New Delhi with a brief stopover in Hong Kong on September 2.

- Denied entry into Canada, Bhai Ranjit Singh back today. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 4.

A former Jathedar of Akal Takht, Bhai Ranjit Singh, on November 21 fired a salvo against the Sarna brothers - Mr Harwinder Singh Sarna, president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), and Mr Paramjit Singh Sarna, president of the Shiromani Akali Dal (New Delhi), and described them a 'turncoat'.

- Ex-Jathedar fires salvo against Sarna brothers. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 17.

Rao, Bharat

Bharat Rao, senior director of Engineering Research Development, Computer-Aided Diagnosis and Therapy Group at Siemens Medical Solutions, is one of 12 Siemens inventors to receive the award. Rao of Malvern, Pennsylvania was chosen from Siemens' 57,000 research and development employees worldwide for his pioneering work in developing an automated data collection and analysis tool, REMIND, that enables caregivers to utilise disparate healthcare information to personalise patient care plans and enhance patient outcomes.

- Indian is 'Inventor of the Year'. *Tribune.* January 20, 2006: 9.

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Rao, C.N.R. (Prof)

The first-ever India Science Award was conferred on January 3 on Prof C.N.R. Rao by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Hyderabad at the inaugural function of the Indian Science Congress. Professor Rao has received a gold medal, a citation and Rs 25 lakh cash prize under the award for 2004. Born in Bangalore in June 30, 1934, Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, one of the world's foremost solid state and materials chemists, is no stranger to awards. Currently, Linus Pauling Research Professor and honorary president of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research in Bangalore, Professor Rao was awarded Dan David Prize in 2005 by the Dan David Foundation, Tel Aviv University. The citation states that "Rao is the world's foremost solid state and materials chemist."

– Prof Rao first recipient of India Science Award. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 13.

Prof C.N.R. Rao, an eminent scientist in the field of Chemistry, Prof Obaid Siddiqui, an eminent Biologist, and Prof C.S. Seshadri, an eminent Mathematician, have been appointed National Research Professors in recognition of their contribution in their respective fields.

– 3 National Research Professors appointed. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 8.

Rao, K.J.

The Election Commission's pointsman, K.J. Rao, who acted tough to ensure a free and fair poll in Bihar and weed out bogus names in the rolls in West Bengal, has decided to call it a day. The 64-year-old Rao, who worked with the Commission for decades, declined a fresh offer to continue for "personal reasons". He started his career in the Election Commission in 1966 as an assistant and retired as secretary in 2002.

– EC pointsman Rao calls it a day. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 2.

Rao, Kuldeep

Mr Muldeep Rao, brother of Excise and Taxation Minister, was on November 20 granted bail by the local court along with three others arrested in connection with the CPMT paper leak.

– CPMT: Minister's brother gets bail. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 9.

Rao, Nirupama

In an unusually scathing attack, a senior Sri Lankan Minister has accused India's High Commissioner Nirupama Rao of meddling in the island nation's affairs, a charge outrightly rejected by New Delhi.

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– Lankan minister's outburst against Indian envoy. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 24.

Ms Nirupama Rao, currently India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, was on September 27 appointed as the next Ambassador of India to China. Ms Rao will replace Mr Nalin Surie.

– Nirupama Rao envoy to China. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006: 1.

Rao, Poonam

Poonam Rao, daughter of late Pramod Mahajan, joined the BJP on October 30. Marking the birth anniversary of the late Mahajan, the Party on October 30 inducted Poonam (26) into the Party.

– Pramod's daughter joins BJP. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 2.

Rao, Raja

Celebrated writer Raja Rao, whose novels like "Kanthapura" and "The Serpent and the Rope", gave eminence to Indian writing in English in its early days, died in Austin, USA, early on July 8, his publishers said in New Delhi.

– Writer Raja Rao dead. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 2.

Rao, Rajkamal

Mr Rajkamal Rao, an officer of the 1970 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers, has taken over as Member (Mechanical) Railway Board. Prior to this, he held the post of General Manager, Western Railway, Mumbai.

– Rajkamal Railway Board member. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 2.

Rao, Rangila Ram

Mr Rangila Ram Rao, Excise and Taxation Minister, has ridiculed the BJP demand for his resignation and said the Party under which corruption had flourished had no moral right to make such a demand.

– Minister mocks at resignation demand. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 9.

Rao, S.P.

GAIL India said on August 27 that Mr S.P. Rao, Director (Projects), has taken over the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director after Mr Proshanto Banerjee was denied extension of service by the Government.

– GAIL CMD. *Tribune.* August 28, 2006: 17.

Rao, Sunitha

Florida-based Sunitha Rao, who got the third wild card for the Sunfeast

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Open along with Ankita Bhamori and Shikha Uberoi, revealed on September 16 that she had applied to play for India, the country of her origin, in the Fed Cup.

– Sunitha Rao. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 22.

Rasgotra, M.K.

M.K. Rasgotra has accepted the Chairmanship of the Working Group to recommend measures to simplify procedures to facilitate travel across the LoC, increase goods traffic and expand people-to-people contact, including promotion of pilgrimage and group tourism.

– Ahmadi, Rasgotra to head J&K working panels. *Tribune.* July 03, 2006:1.

Rashid, Afsana

Srinagar-based journalist Afsana Rashid has been awarded the Sanjoy Ghose Humanitarian Award. Afsana Rashid, bagged the Sanjoy Ghose Media Fellowship for 2006-07 for highlighting the problems of women in conflict hit region.

– Sanjoy Ghose awards. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006: 13.

Rashtrabandhu (Dr)

Famous Hindi litterature and Bollywood script writer Kamleshwar gives away the 12th Ratan Sharma Award for Children Literature in Hindi to Dr Rashtrabandhu at a function in New Delhi on October 6 evening.

– It's 'childish' literature, says Kamleshwar. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006:12.

Rasquinha, Viren

Olympian Viren Rasquinha on November 27 blamed some "vested interests" in the national selection panel for his last-minute ouster from the hockey squad for the Doha Asian Games.

– Axed Rasquinha cries foul. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 19.

Rastogi, Karan

Karan Rastogi kept his title hopes alive when he got rid of Todor Enev of Bulgaria 6-3, 6-2 in one hour and one minute to enter the final of the $15,000 ITF Men's Futures (second leg) Indian Open Tennis Championship at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association deco-turf court in New Delhi on December 29.

– Rastogi marches into final. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 22.

Rathee, P.V.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on November 27 came down heavily on the ADGP (CID), Haryana, Mr P.V. Rathee, for having failed to control

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or even intervene during the alleged misbehaviour of his inebriated security personnel with a lady Judge of the High Court and her staff.

– ADGP gets earful from high court. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 7.

Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh

Shooting provided India three more gold medals with Olympic silver winner Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore claiming top honours in the individual double trap at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 23.

– Rathore, Anuja shoot gold. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 22.

Olympic silver medallist Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore clinched the fourth Olympic quota place for the country by winning the double trap gold in a dramatic fashion at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt, on May 21.

– Rathore books Beijing berth. *Tribune.* May 22, 2006: 20.

Thanks to the callousness of an airlines, ace marksman Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore lost his lucky gun on his way home after winning the gold medal in the Cairo ISSF World Cup which also earned him a Beijing Olympic berth.

– Rathore loses gun. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 22.

India on December 5 missed out on a gold medal as Olympic silver-medallist Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore managed an individual bronze in double trap shooting after guiding the country to team silver on the fifth day of the 15th Asian Games in Doha.

– Rathore settles for bronze. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 18.

The Indian contingnet on December 6 rubbished allegations that its star shooter Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore had misbehaved with Asian Games volunteers during a practice session at the Lusail shooting range a few days ago saying there appeared to be "misrepresentation of facts".

– 'Allegations against Rathore baseless'. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006:20.

The unsavoury controversy involving star shooter Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and the Asian Games organisers blew over on December 7 with the Indian officials saying the issue had been settled amicably.

– Rathore row resolved. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 22.

Rathore, S.P.S.

Mr Justice Rajiv Bhalla of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 22 allowed the plea of former DGP, Haryana, S.P.S. Rathore, for transfer of his trial in the case of suicide by a young girl, Ruchika Gihrotra.

– Rathore trial shifted to Patiala. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 3.

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Rathore, Salam Singh (Capt)

Unraveling further links in the Navy war room leak case, the CBI has arrested a former Navy Captain for allegedly stealing highly classified documents. The CBI, after registering a case against Capt Salam Singh Rathore, arrested him from his house in New Delhi on November 3 night for alleged violation of the Officials Secrets Act.

– Navy ex-captain held for spying. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006:1.

Ratna

Ms Ratna, former Chairperson, Punjab State Social Welfare Board, on March 4 spilled the beans on the burning issue by alleging that she was "unceremoniously removed" from the post of Chairperson of the Improvement Trust, Amritsar. Talking to the *Tribune*, in Amritsar on March 4, Ms Ratna said she had clear instructions from the Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, to give clean and transparent administration during her stint as Chairperson of the Improvement Trust. However, "land mafia" wanted "undue favours" which she had refused. "As a result, I was ousted" from the Improvement Trust.

– 'Punished' for spilling beans, says Ratna. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 1.

Ratra, Y.S.

The Punjab Government is in the process of making amendment to rules to allow Y.S. Ratra to continue as Chairman of the Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB) till he attains the age of 65 years.

– Governmet extending Ratra's stint. *Tribune.* July 08, 2006: 4.

Ravi Kissen

More than Abhishek Bachchan or John Abraham, it is Ravi Kissen, Manoj Tiwari and Nagma (all Bhojpuri super stars) who are drawing the crowds to theatres in north India.

– Big B? No, no, it's Ravi Kissen... *Tribune.* December 13, 2006:1.

Ravinder Kaur

The Punjab Governor, Gen S.F. Rodrigues (retd), on November 15 administered the oath of office, secrecy and allegiance to the Constitution of India to Ms Ravinder Kaur as a member of the Punjab Public Service Commission at Punjab Raj Bhavan. Mrs. Ravinder Kaur is a daughter-in-law of Mr Lal Singh, Rural Development and Panchayats Minister, Punjab.

– Ravinder sworn in as PPSC member. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 5.

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Rawat, Sunny

Sunny Rawat, arrested in connection with the Meher Bhargava murder, on March 30 confessed before the media to having fired the fatal shot at her in a fit of rage.

– Rawat confesses to killing Meher. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 1.

Ray, Ashis

Well-known cricket writer Ashis Ray will cover the India-South Africa three-match Test series exclusively for *The Tribune*. His first despatch will appear on December 15.

– Ashis Ray to write for *Tribune. Tribune*. December 13, 2006:1.

Razdan, Anil

Anil Razdan (IAS, Haryana, 1973) will be the new Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, an official release said.

– Razdan Addl Secy in Petroleum Ministry. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006:14.

Reddy, C.S.R.

A complaint against two IGs of the Punjab Police — Mr Sumedh Singh Saini and Mr C.S.R. Reddy — has been found to be "baseless" by the State Vigilance Bureau. In the complaint lodged by the Chandigarh-based Lawyers for Human Rights International (LHRI) allegations were levelled regarding the ownership of property against the two officials.

– Complaint against IGs Saini, Reddy baseless: VB. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006:4.

Reddy, Y.V. (Dr)

Indian economy has enough resilience to absorb the external shocks that might arise on account of emerging market economies (EMs) in an era of global integration, said RBI Governor Dr Y.V. Reddy in New Delhi on November 3.

– Economy can withstand shocks: RBI Governor. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006: 21.

Renu Singh

National woman hockey player Renu Singh attempted suicide by jumping off the Tawi bridge in Jammu, the police said on December 24. Reportedly depressed after her documents were destroyed in a fire, 17-year-old Renu jumped off the bridge on December 23. The police fished her out in an unconscious state and took her to hospital. A case has been registered against Renu.

– Hockey player attempts suicide. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 18.

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Rizvi, Nazim

Nearly five years after he was arrested for his alleged links with the underworld, film producer Nazim Rizvi is back in business. He is shooting a film based on his life and some scenes have been shot in jail. Rizvi was arrested in 2001 after the Mumbai police claimed that he was fronting for gangster Chotta Shakeel and that his movie "Chori Chori Chupke Chupke" had been made with underworld money.

– Film maker Rizvi returns to jail — for shooting. *Tribune.* June 27, 2006:20.

Rode, Jasbir Singh (Bhai)

Over 40 persons in plain clothes raided the house of former Akal Takht Jathedar Bhai Jasbir Singh Rode in Jalandhar on December 23.

– Rode's house raided, four picked up. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006: 4.

Rodrigues, S.F. (Gen-retd)

SAD (A) President, Simranjit Singh Mann on December 16 demanded the recall of Punjab Governor Gen S.F. Rodrigues (retd) as he was "instrumental" in getting Gaganjit Singh Barnala clean chit in a case of rape. Talking to mediaprersons in Amritsar on December 16, Mr Mann said the victim was under intense pressure to change her statement. He said constitutional positions should not be allowed to be misused.

– Mann for recall of Governor. *Sunday Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 4.

Roongta, S.K.

Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) said on August 18 that Mr S.K. Roongta had been appointed Chairman of the Company, following a Government of India order. Pursuant to the order of the Government, Mr Roongta, Director (Commercial) of the Company, has assumed charge as Chairman with effect from August 17, SAIL said.

– SAIl chief. *Tribune.* August 19, 2006: 21.

Roshan, Hrithik

Aamir Khan under fire from the BJP for his call to ensure proper rehabilitation of tribals ousted by the Narmada dam project has received support from Hrithik Roshan.

– Hrithik backs Aamir, flays Modi. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 2.

Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan and his father director Rakesh Roshan received compliments during the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji for their contributions to mainstream cinema. The organisers rolled out the red carpet for the Roshan family, which arrived in Panaji on November

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30 for the screening of their latest blockbuster "Krissh" at the festival. The Goa Government conferred a special award on Rakesh Roshan for his contribution to films.

– Red-carpet welcome for Hrithik, Rrakesh. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006:2.

A case has been filed against Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai and actor Hrithik Roshan for an alleged obscene sequence in their recently released film Dhoom-2. The case was filed in the court of Judicial Magistrate (First Class) R.K. Batham by advocate Shailendra Dwivedi under Sections 292 (vulgarity) and 509 (derogatory to women) of the IPC.

– Case against Ash, Hrithik. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 24.

Roy, Arundhati

"The Algebra of Infinite Justice", a collection of essays by writer Arundhati Roy on the hubris of the rich and the powerful and the plight of the poor and the homeless, was on January 9 selected for the 2005 Sahitya Akademi Award in English.

– Arundhati Roy wins literary prize. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 20.

Noted writer Arundhati Roy on January 14 refused to accept the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award to register protest and reaffirm her "disagreement with policies of the Indian Government". In a statement issued in New Delhi, Arundhati said, "I have a great deal of respect for the Sahitya Akademi, for the members of this year's Jury and for many of the writers who have received these awards in the past. But to register my protest and reaffirm my disagreement — indeed my absolute disgust — with these policies of the Indian Government, I must refuse to accept the 2005 Sahtiya Akademi Award".

– Arundhati refuses award. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 2.

Noted Indian author Arundhati Roy has been nominated for the prestigious Spanish Prince of Asturias Prize for 2006. The award, given to eight persons every year in several identified fields, carries a cash prize of 50,000 Euros and a sculpture by Catalan artist, Joan Miro, the Turkish Daily News reported on May 30.

– Spanish prize for Arundhati. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 11.

Roy, K.S. (Dr)

Dr K.S. Roy, Dean, College of Veterinary Science, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (ADVASU), Ludhiana, has been nominated as member of the Veterinary Council of India (VCI) by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, amongst the Deans of

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Veterinary Colleges in India.

– Dr Roy on veterinary council. *Ludhiana. Tribune.* November 29, 2006:5.

Roy, Rupesh

Rupesh Roy of India and Ksenia Palkina of Kyrgyzstan are the top seeds in boys and girls singles, respectively, in the ITF Juniors (Grade 3) Tennis Tournament which begins on January 2 at the CLTA Tennis Stadium in Sector 10.

– Rupesh, Ksenia top seeds. *Tribune.* January 02, 2006: 18.

Rupaiya Devi

Rupaiya Devi, a member of the Indian fencing contingent, who had gone missing in the United Kingdom (UK) during the recently concluded Commonwealth fencing championship, has moved an application seeking asylum in that country by claiming that it would not be safe for her to return to India.

– Missing fencer seeks asylum in UK. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006: 22.

Rushdie, Salman

Indian author Salman Rushdie will join the faculty of Emory University in Atlanta and donate his archive to the institution. Emory officials announced on October 7. Rushdie's five-year appointment as a distinguished writer in residence in the English Department begins in the spring of 2007.

– Rushidie to join Emory varsity faculty. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 13.

Controversial NRI author Salman Rushdie says the best thing that has happened to him during the fatwa days was that he could write his latest novel 'Shalimar, the Clown'.

– Fatwa helped me write novel: Rushdie. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006:13.

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Sabharwal, Ashwani

The Haryana Government has promoted Mr Ashwani Sabharwal, Senior Architect, Architecture Department, as Chief Architect with immediate effect. A graduate from the Chandigarh College of Architect, he remained a Senior Architect for 13 years.

– Sabharwal is Chief Architect. *Tribune.* April 21, 200€: 7.

Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh

Today Ujjain town is notorious for the virtual lynching of a professor by his own students for no other reason than that he had to postpone elections to the students union. Post-mortem of Prof Harbhajan Singh Sabharwal showed that he died because of an injury in his ribs causing the lungs to choke. A colleague of his, Prof M.L. Nath, is lucky that he is still alive after all the beatings he suffered. A former Principal of Government Madhav College, Prof Sachin Upadhyay, was so shocked by what happened at the College from where he retired that he died of cardiac arrest.

– Murder, murder. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 10.

The Supreme Court on September 25 directed that the investigations into the death of Prof H.S. Sabharwal, allegedly due to the beating by some students' union leaders in Ujjain, will be monitored by a DIG under the supervision of Director-General of Police (DGP), Madhya Pradesh.

– DIG to monitor Prof Sabharwal case: SC. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 22.

Nearly one-and-a-half months after Prof Sabharwal died during students union poll in Ujjain, the Madhya Pradesh police on October 13 filed charge sheets against six accused, including ABVP leaders Shashiranjan Singh Akela and Vimal Tomar.

– Sabharwal's death: charge sheet against ABVP men. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 2.

Sabharwal, Y.K. (Chief Justice)

Hitting out at unprofessional approach plaguing the judicial system, Mr Justice Y.K. Sabharwal, Chief Justice of India (CJI), on February 5 stressed on the need for evolving a uniform system for recruitment of judges on the pattern of Indian Administrative Services.

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– CJI for uniform system for judges' recruitment. *Tribune.* February 06, 2006: 4.

Sabherwal, O.P.

The Indian Nuclear Society (INS) has awarded the INS Science Communications Award 2005 to author and journalist O.P. Sabherwal. INS described Mr Sabherwal as a "communicator and dedicated publicist of India's nuclear programme for over 15 years," in the print and electronic media. The society lauded his book *India's Tryst with the Atom,* stressing its "enduring contribution to understanding India's nuclear programme — conveyed in style and manner equally understandable to the common reader as well as the intelligentsia."

– Award to O.P. Sabherwal. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 11.

Sabrina

"It is a feeling of relief and happiness for us. We were relieved after Manu Sharma was convicted. I could not have asked for more from God," said Sabrina, who fought a seven-year batle to get justice for her sister, shot dead at a party in the upmarket Tamarind Court restaurant on April 30, 1999 for refusing Manu Sharma a drink.

– I could not have asked for more: Sabrina. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006:20.

Sachar, Rajinder (Justice)

The Justice Rajinder Sachar Committee, set up to study social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community, will submit its report to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on November 17.

– Sachar report. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 1.

There are certain little known facts about the well known social crusader and humanist Justice Rajinder Sachar. He recently headed a panel to examine the social, economic and educational status of Muslims in India. PM Manmohan Singh himself handpicked Justice Sachar to head the panel knowing well that the former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court would do the job objectively. The panel did produce an objective and honest report. Tabling of its findings on the Muslims' status in Parliament was a big moment in the life of 84-year-old Justice Sachar.

– Sachar: Jurist, social activist and humanist. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006: 13.

Sachdev, K.B.

Mr K.B. Sachdev has taken over as director (Marketing) of National Fertilisers Ltd. Before taking up this assignment, he was working as Chief

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General Manager (Marketing).

– *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 16.

Sadhu, Rakesh

Notorious criminal Rakesh Sadhu reportedly behind the murder of film star Manisha Koirala's secretary was shot down in an encounter by the Varanasi police early on May 26 morning.

– Notorious criminal Sadhu shot dead. *Tribune.* May 27, 2006: 2.

Sahai, S.M.

The Jammu and Kashmir Government has appointed Mr S.M. Sahai as Inspector-General of Police, Kashmir, in place of Mr K. Rajendra Kumar, who was injured in the militant attack on a Youth Congress rally on May 21.

– Sahai is new IGP of Kashmir. *Tribune.* May 23, 2006: 6.

Sahajasri, Ch

India completed its richest medal haul in the history of the World Youth Chess Championship winning five gold, two silver and three bronze medals at Batumi in Georgia on October 28. The Indian girls followed up the boys' stupendous performance on October 27 with three of them being crowned world champions, Ivana Furtado (girls under-8) of Goa, Ch Sahajasri (Girls under-10) of Karimnagar and Dronavalli Harika (Grils under-18) of Guntur became world champions in their respective categories.

– Ivana, Harika win world titles. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 22.

Saharan, R.P. (Dr)

Dr R.P. Saharan, Professor and Head, Department of Genetics, has been unanimously elected vice-president of the Society of Cytologists and Geneticists, India, for the 2005-09 term. This decision was taken at the All-India Conference on Cytology and Genetics organised at the Department of Botany, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, recently. Dr Saharan was the joint-secretary of the Society from 2001 to 2005.

– Prof Saharan elected vice-chief of national body. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 15.

Sahibi, Geeta Ram

A Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of H.P., suspended from the department for gross negligence in reporting illicit felling of 488 trees from his division, was recommended for the prestigious Padma Shri award by the Speaker of the State Vidhan Sabha, Mr G.R. Musafir, on two occasions in the past three years.

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– Suspended DFO proposed for Padma Shri. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006:6.

The police on November 16 arrested Geeta Ram Sahibi, a Forest Services officer, for his alleged involvement in the HP-CPMT paper leak case, while the five other parents arrested on November 15 have been sent to a 14-day judicial remand.

– HPMT paper leak: forest officer held. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 9.

Sahni, S.K. (Lt-Gen)

A Lt-General of the Indian Army will face court martial proceedings and another Major-General is to face "administrative action" along with eight other officers after being found guilty of irregularities by a Court of Inquiry in the procurement of dry rations for the forces. Sources in the Army Headquarters said that the Generals allegedly involved were Lt-Gen S.K. Sahni, who was the Director-General, Supply and Transport, and Major-Gen S. Dahiya, to be posted to Southern Command.

– Lt-General faces court martial. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 1.

Sahota, Phumman Ram

A pall of gloom descended at Nurmahal when Phumman Ram Sahota, president, Nurmahal Nagar Council, died in a road accident in Phillaur on October 8.

– NC president Sahota dies in road accident. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006:5.

Sahrawat, Tammanna Ravee

Tammanna Ravee Sahrawat, a Ph.D. Research Fellow, Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, clinched the Young Scientist Award in Group A (Biosciences and Biotechnology) at the ninth Punjab Science Congress held in Guru Nanak Dev Dental College and Research Institute, Sunam, last week.

– *Tribune.* February 14, 2006: 4.

Saifdipur, Balwinder Singh

The Congress on August 31 suffered a jolt when Mr Balwinder Singh Saifdipur, a close confidant of the Chief Minister, joined the SAD at a rally in Sanaur, near Patiala.

– Saifdipur joins SAD. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 5.

Saini, Sumedh Singh

A complaint against two IGs of the Punjab Police — Mr Sumedh Singh Saini and Mr C.S.R. Reddy — has been found to be "baseless" by the state

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Vigilance Bureau. In the complaint lodged by the Chandigarh-based Lawyers for Human Rights International (LHRI) allegations were levelled regarding the ownership of property against the two officials.

– Complaint against IGs Saini, Reddy baseless: VB. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006:4.

A Delhi court on December 6 framed charges against Punjab IGP Sumedh Singh Saini and three others in a case pertaining to the "disappearance" of two Ludhiana businessmen and their driver from "illegal" detention 12 years ago. Sessions Judge Vinod Goel framed charges of criminal conspiracy, wrongful confinement and kidnapping against Saini, police officer Sukhmohinder Singh Sandhu and two other cops, Paramjeet Singh and Balbir Chand Tiwari.

– Charges against Saini framed. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006: 1.

Sajida Begum

Sajida Begum (66), a former MLA and wife of former Nawab of Malerkotla Janab Ifthkharr Ali Khan, who died at Frotis Heart Institute, Mohali, on July 30 after a prolonged illness, was buried with state honours at the local Baba Bodle Shah graveyard, near Jarag Chowk, in Malerkotla on July 31.

– Sajida Begum laid to rest. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 6.

A brother of the late Begum, Fayyaz Ali Khan (71), who is based in Shekhupura, Pakistan, has filed a case in the Chandigarh District Courts stating that he was the sole legal heir of the moveable and immovable properties by way of inheritance as per the Muslim Law of Inheritance. Khan is the only surviving brother out of four brothers of the late Begum. who did not have any children.

– Sajida Begum's property row takes new turn. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006:3.

Sajjan Kumar

In a significant development, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has moved the trial court in New Delhi to reopen the 1984 anti-Sikh riot cases against Congress MP Sajjan Kumar, seeking original documents of the cases, which were closed without even filing the charge sheets.

– CBI to reopen cases against Sajjan Kumar. *Tribune.* January 16, 2006:1.

Setting in motion a fresh probe into the alleged role of Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in the 1984 riots, a city court on January 28 handed over to the CBI all documents regarding a case of rioting and looting.

– Court hands over Sajjan documents to CBI. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 2.

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Sakhuja, Vinay (Dr)

The institute body of the PGI, the apex decision-making body, on September 19 approved the appointment of Dr Vinay Sakhuja, Head of the Department of Nephrology, as Dean of the PGI and Dr Amod Gupta, Head of the Department of Opthalmology as Sub Dean. The post of Dean had been lying vacant since Dr Sudha Suri retired on February 28 this year.

– Vinay Sakhuja new Dean of PGI. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 1.

Sakshi Maharaj

The Rajya Sabha on March 21 expelled Samajwadi Party member Sakshi Maharaj for "compromising" dignity of the House and "inappropriate conduct" in sanction of funds under MPLADS, three months after the scam came to light through a sting operation.

– SP member expelled from RS. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 20.

Sampat Singh

Former Haryana Minister Sampat Singh on August 1 demanded the cancellation of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) deal with Reliance Industries as it was detrimental to the interests of the people of Haryana.

– Cancel MoU with RIL, says Sampat Singh. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006:7.

Sampath, Srinivasan (Dr)

Dr Srinivasan Sampath receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Samuel, A.M.

At around 8.30 pm, the mob entered the pandal at Yamunanagar, raising slogans of "Vande Matram, Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Jai Bhawani" and started ransacking the venue. Sensing trouble, the preacher, A.M. Samuel, president, N-W Region of Indian Pentacostal Church of God and his followers, including women and children, went to the rear of the pandal. Meanwhile, a few youngsters caught hold of the preacher and followers and brought them to the stage. Someone switched off the power supply and the preacher and several others were thrashed.

– Priest thrashed. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 10.

Who would have thought that a Christian preacher would be thrashed in a relatively peaceful place like Yamunanagar in Haryana? While the priest, Mr A.M. Samuel, President of the N-W Region of Indian Pentacostal Church of God, and others say that they were there only to propagate the name of Jesus and to hold prayers, the angry mob allegedly consisting of BJP and

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Bajrang Dal activists insists that they were trying to convert Hindus to Christianity.

– Attack most foul. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 10.

Sandeep Singh

Sandeep Singh scored two brilliant drag-flick goals, once in each half, to power Indian Airlines to a 2-0 victory against Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB) in the title clash of the 42nd edition of the Nehru Hockey Tournament at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi on December 31.

– Sandeep Singh powers IA to title win. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006:22.

Drag-flicker Sandeep Singh scored the all-important golden goal to power Chandigarh Dynamos to a thrilling 3-2 win over Bangalore Lions in the second final of the Premier Hockey League in Chandigarh on January 31 night.

– Sandeep strikes gold for Chandigarh Dynamos. *Tribune.* February 01, 2006: 18.

World Cup-bound hockey star Sandeep Singh sustained a bullet injury in his right hip on August 22 when the pistol of an ASI of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) went off accidentally while he was travelling by Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express to join the Indian team for next month's World Cup in Germany. The incident occurred near Kurukshetra.

– Sandeep hurt as pistol goes off accidentally in Shatabdi. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 1.

Injury to drag-flicker Sandeep Singh just a fortnight before the start of the World Cup in Monchengladbach (Germany) has jolted India's preparation as the country has been struggling to get back in the top six bracket of World Hockey. Considered as one of finest drag flickers, hockey coach Vasudevan Bhaskaran had pinned high hopes on him, who, after making his debut at Athens Olympics two years ago, has been shaping well as a replacement for Jugraj Singh.

– Sandeep's injury a big blow for India. *Tribune.* August 23, 2006: 18.

Drag-flicker Sandeep Singh, who was injured in a shooting incident on the Shatabadi Express on August 22, was discharged from the PGI on September 16 evening. Confined to a wheelchair at present, Sandeep said doctors have assured him that he would be back on his feet within two weeks. "If everything goes well, I will join the preparatory camp in November for the Doha Asian Games," he said.

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– Sandeep discharged from PGI. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 23.

Sandeep Singh

The Punjab Governor has granted pardon to Sandeep Singh, son of ex-minister Teja Singh, who was serving life term in a murder case in Bathinda. The pardon came exactly after two years of his conviction.

– Governor pardons ex-minister's son serving life term. *Tribune.* July 15, 2006: 6.

Sandhu, Ajeetesh

After Irina Brar, eighteen-year-old Ajeetesh Sandhu has become the second golf star from Chandigarh to suffer due to the whims and fancies of the Indian Golf Union top brass.

– Selected, then discarded — IGU style. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006:19.

Sandhu, D.D.S. (Lieut-Gen)

Senior level appointments were made in the Indian Army on June 30 with Lt-Gen Mohan Pande being made the next Director-General, Military Operations, Lt-Gen D.D.S. Sandhu as the Director-General, Ordnance Services and Lt-Gen A.S. Bajwa being appointed Director-General, Artillery. Lt-Gen Sandhu, who is Commandant, College of Materials Management, Jabalpur, will replace Lt-Gen T.A.D. Cunha who retires on June 30.

– Lt-Gen Pande new DG, Military Operations. *Tribune.* July 01, 2006:2.

Lieut-Gen D.D.S. Sandhu, Director-General, Ordnance Services, and Senior Colonel Commandant, Army Ordnance Corps, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the President, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, at a convocation in Jabalpur on Friday.

– Gen Sandhu awarded honorary doctorate. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006:3.

For the first time ever, a serving officer of the Indian Army, Lt-Gen D.D.S. Sandhu, was awarded an honorary doctorate by Jabalpur University, presented to him by President Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Lt Gen Sandhu, who is presently the Director-General of Ordinance Services and Senior Colonel Commandant of Army Ordnance Corps, has had a brilliant service record and academic achievements. He holds an M.Phil in Defence and Management Studies and a doctorate for his thesis on "International Marketing of Indian Defence Products" from Punjab University. He is also a fellow of British Institute of Management. Management and automation are Lt Gen Sandhu's forte. He has held various prestigious appointments in the Army and abroad, primarily in the logistics field. He was Commandant, College of Materials Management, Jabalpur. The College witnessed

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unprecedented upgradation in all facets of functioning, and, in particular, made tangible strides in the field of Automation and Academics (Materials Management) during his stewardship.

– Honorary doctorate (Defence notes). *Tribune.* October 25, 2006: 11.

Sandhu, Gurinderjit Singh

Mr Gurinderjit Singh Sandhu has done it again. Yes he has made it as the President of the Chandigarh Golf Club for a second term. With no other contestants for the post of President he retains his post for a second term. And this is not the first time. Sandhu did a double for the same post in 2000 and 2001.

– G.S. Sandhu is Golf Club President again. *Tribune.* March 15, 2006: 19.

Sandhu, Jaspal Singh (Dr)

Dr Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Dean, Faculty of Sports Medicine and Physiotherapy, Guru Nanak Dev University, has been nominated for the second term on the Executive Board of Asian Federation of Sports Medicine. This was decided in the Executive Board Meeting of the Asian Federation of Sports Medicine held recently in Bangkok (Thailand). He is the only Asian to be nominated for the second term. Dr Sandhu said the Asian Federation of Sports Medicine Congress for 2009 would be held in India.

– Sandhu nominated. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006: 18.

Sandhu, Manavjit Singh

Manavjit Singh Sandhu qualified for the finals of the mens trap event with a total of 48 out of 50 at the ISSF World Cup shooting competition in Qingyuan, China, on April 4.

– Manavjit in finals. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 19.

Melbourne Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Manavjit Singh Sandhu shot a score of 142 to win the trap gold medal at the fourth Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters shooting meet in New Delhi on April 17.

– Manavjit clinches gold. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 19.

Manavjit Singh Sandhu earned a quota place for the 2008 Beijing Olympics by winning the silver medal in the trap event at the ISSF World Cup at Kerrville, USA.

– Manavjit books Olympic berth. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 22.

Manavjit Singh Sandhu on July 27 won the men's individual trap gold by edging past Italian Erminio Frasca and Bret Erickson of the US at the 49th World Shooting Championship in Zagreb. Manavjit shot a total of 143 points,

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including the 121 in team event, to win the third yellow metal for India in the prestigious tournament.

– Manavjit wins another gold for India. *Tribune.* July 28, 2006: 22.

Trap shooter Manavjit Singh Sandhu said his golden feat at the International Shooting Sports Federation World Championship at Zagreb (Croatia) was one of the stops for his final goal — a gold in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

– Manavjit sets sights on Olympic gold. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 22.

Gold medal in the recent World Championships at Zagreb (Croatia) has propelled Manavjit Singh Sandhu to the numero uno spot among the trap shooters in the latest world rankings.

– Manavjit on top of the world. *Tribune.* August 16, 2006: 18.

World champion Manavjit Singh Sandhu led the way with the gold as India swept all the three medals at stake in the men's individual trap event at the Asian Clay Shooting championship in Singapore on September 4.

– Manavjit wins gold. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 18.

Sandhu, Sarbjit Singh

The Punjab Government on April 6 appointed Mr Harminder Singh Gill, general secretary, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC), Col Zorawar Singh and Mr Sarbjit Singh Sandhu as member of the Punjab Sunordinate Services Selection Board (PSSSB).

– H.S. Gill on selection board. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 5.

Sandhu, Satwinder Singh

The installation ceremony of the new president and executive of the Youth Congress in Haryana struck a discordant note on November 9 with the outgoing chief of the Haryana Youth Congress (HYC), Mr Satwinder Singh Sandhu, leaving the function in a huff in protest against a remark made by the Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

– Outgoing HYC chief walks out of function. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006:7.

Sane, Hari Ganesh

Hari Ganesh Sane, one of the oldest sportspersons in the country, died in Pune on August 3. Sane, known as Bhishmacharya of traditional Indian games, was born on October 23, 1906, according to family sources. Inspired by Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak's call to popularise traditional Indian games like kho-kho and kabaddi, Sane, set up the Sannitra Sangh at Shivaji Mandir in 1923 from where a generation of national and international players emerged over the years.

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– Sane dead. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 22.

Sangha, G.S.

Hockey coach G.S. Sangha working at Government Senior Secondary School in Hazaran village has been selected by the Indian Hockey Federation as an umpire to take part in the 7th Junior Challenge Open (Under-21 men) hockey tournament to be held from May 29 to June 4 in Poland.

– Hockey umpire. *Tribune.* May 25, 2006: 20.

Sangma, Purno A.

Former Lok Sabha Speaker and NCP leader Purno A. Sangma on February 19 won the Tura Lok Sabha seat in Meghanlaya for the ninth time while the Congress and the Shiv Sena bagged a seat each in the Maharashtra Assembly byelections. The BJP retained the Mohammadabad Assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh.

– Sangma wins Tura LS seat. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 15.

Sangwan, Virender Singh (Dr)

Dr Virender Singh Sangwan receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Sanjay Kumar

Former Chief Executive of Computer Associates, Sanjay Kumar, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his role in a $ 2.2 billion accounting fraud in the software company, which was among the top five at one time.

– Computer Associates ex-CEO sentenced. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006:11.

Sansar Chand (Dr)

The Haryana Sanskrit Akademi has announced awards for the year 2005-06. While stating this in Chandigarh on February 14, a spokesman of the Akademi said the Maharishi Balmiki Award had been given to Dr Sansar Chand. His writings in Sanskrit included "Naganandam", "Sanskrit Kavyaprabha" and "Mahamurakh Mandalam".

– Maharishi Balmiki Award for Sansar Chand. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006:7.

Sant Kumar

Mr Uday Bhanu Hans, state poet of Haryana, on July 2 released the book "Jaddo jahhad", written by Sant Kumar. The book is on the struggle of Punjabis in the post-1947 era. It is probably the first book on the subject.

– Book released. *Tribune.* July 04, 2006: 7.

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Sapra, Kashmir Chand (Dr)

Dr Kashmir Chand Sapra, a resident of the Bakshi Nagar locality in Hisar, has entered the Limca Book of Records-2006 as the Haryana resident possessing the highest number of educational degrees. Apart from OT and JBT courses, Dr Sapra has done 11 MAs and Ph.D, while his 12th MA is in progress. He is at present serving as the Headmaster of Government High School at Shikarpur village of the district.

– Hisar teacher in Limca Book. *Tribune.* July 17, 2006: 12.

Sarabjit Singh

Even at the Double Bench of the Supreme Court of Pakistan has upheld the death sentence of Sarabjit Singh, alias Manjit Singh, his wife Sukhpreet Kaur and sister Dalbir Kaur on March 9 sought immediate intervention of the President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, to save him as he is a victim of mistaken identity.

– Pak SC upholds death sentence to Sarbjit. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 1.

The All-India Minorities Front (AIMF) on March 17 appealed to Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf to release Sarabjit Singh, who faces death sentence in Pakistan.

– Pardon Sarabjit, says AIMF. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006: 2.

Indian national Sarabjit Singh, condemned to death for his alleged involvement in four bomb blasts in Pakistan, has sent a mercy petition to President Pervez Musharraf, seeking release on the grounds that he was innocent and wrongly implicated.

– Sarabjit sends mercy petition to Musharraf. *Sunday Tribune.* April 02, 2006: 1.

Sarabjit Singh's hope to escape the gallows for his alleged involvement in the serial bomb blasts in Lahore seems to be becoming grimmer. The Pakistan Law Minister on April 6 ruled out the chances of Sarabjit's mercy petition to President Pervez Musharraf succeeding in view of the country's strick laws on capital punishment.

– Conversion will not help Sarabjit, says Pak Law Minister. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 1.

About 56 sabha societies and bar councils led by the International Bhai Mardana Yadgari Kirtan Darbar Society on April 11 sent a memorandum to Pakistan President Gen Pervez Musharraf urging him to grant clemency to Sarabjit who was given death sentence by the Pakistan Supreme Court in a mistaken identity.

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– 56 bodies seek clemency for Sarabjit. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 5.

Family members of Sarabjit Singh, who is on death row in Pakistan for alleged spying, on April 12 met with President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam to seek his intervention to save him from execution.

– Kalam assures all help to Sarabjit, claim kin. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 22.

Saradindu Pal

In the eye of a storm following his reported comments on Jagmohan Dalmiya's continuance as Cricket Association of Bengal chief, CAB joint secretary Saradindu Pal on December 24 denied having told the BCCI that Dalmiya no longer functioned as the affiliate unit's president.

– BCCI treasurer misquoted me, says Pal. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 18.

Sarathkumar, R.

The ruling AIADMK on April 17 received a shot in the arm, ahead of the ensuing Assembly polls, when Bollywood actor R. Sarathkumar joined the party. The popular actor and DMK Rajya Sabha MP met AIADMK supremo, J. Jayalalithaa, who was on a campaign trail in the southern district of Theni, and joined the party along with his supporters.

– Sarathakumar joins AIADMK. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 2.

Sardesai, Rajdeep

In the wake of the Supreme Court raising serious questions on involvement of money transactions in sting operations being carried out by various TV channels, Editor-in-Chief of CNN-IBN channel Rajdeep Sardesai on October 19 gave an undertaking to it on appearing before the Uttar Pradesh Assembly in the 'breach of privilege' case. He was summoned on October 27 by the Assembly for alleged breach of privilege arising out of a sting operation telecast by the channel against certain UP ministers.

– CNN-IBN chief to appear before House. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 21.

Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col)

The troops, led by Commanding Officer Col G.S. Sarna, rushed to the area and sealed all exit points. However, when the troops were about to storm a particular house, militants, hiding inside, opened indiscriminate firing. In the encounter, Colonel Sarna received bullet wounds in the abdomen. He later died at a hospital, the spokesman added.

– RR Colonel killed in Baramulla encounter. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006: 1.

Col Gurbir Singh Sarna, who sacrificed his life for the nation fighting militants in Srinagar on December 23, will be cremated at Delhi cantonment on

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December 25 afternoon. Commanding Officer with the 22 Rashtriya Rifles (RR), 40-year-old Colonel Sarna was shot dead by Kashmiri militants during a search operation.

– 'Col Sarna was extremely popular among jawans.' *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 8.

Colonel G.S. Sarna, who died fighting terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir on December 23, was cremated with full military honours in New Delhi on December 25. A wreath was placed on behalf of the Army Chief, Gen J.J. Singh, as relatives, friends and senior Army officers paid their last respects. After training at the National Defence Academy at Kharagwasla near Pune, and later at the Indian Military academy, Dehradun, Col Sarna was commissioned to the 9th Battlaion of the regiment of Grenadiers in 1989. He also served as the second-in-command of the 13 Grenadiers, before taking over as the Commanding Officer of a Rashtriya Rifles battalion on Pattan near Baramulah in June, 2005.

– Col Sarna cremated with honours. *Tribune.* December 26, 2006: 2.

Sarna, Paramjit Singh

Flouting Akal Takht Jathedar's directive hundreds of Sikhs on February 5 honoured former Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee president, Paramjit Singh Sarna "for his outstanding contribution to the Sikh panth". The Jathedar, had decreed social boycott of Mr Sarna and his brother, DSGPC president, H.S. Sarna.

– Sikhs defy Takht directive, honour Sarna. *Tribune.* February 06, 2006:4.

With 'social boycott' of Sarnas and three others, withdrawn hands of former and present president, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), Paramjit Sarna and his brother Harvinder Sarna respectively, have been strengthened in Delhi gurdwara management.

– Sarna brothers freed from boycott diktat. *Tribune.* February 11, 2006: 1.

The President of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Delhi), Mr Paramjit Singh Sarna, has urged the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, the Union Home Minister, Mr Shivraj Patil, and the Information and Broadcasting Minister, Mr P.R. Dasmunsi, to immediately ban the documentary film on Guru Golwalker produced by the RSS in which Sikhs were described as a part of the Hindu religion.

– Sarna seeks ban on RSS-produced film. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 5.

Saroop Krishen

He practised what he preached. As willed by him, the body of Mr Saroop

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Krishen, the first Chief Secretary of Haryana, who died at his residence in Chandigarh on December 10 night, was sent to the PGI for research and other medical purposes. He was 91.

– Saroop Krishen to live beyond death. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 1.

Sasikiran, Krishnan

Grandmaster Krishnan Sasikiran added another twist in the tale of the ongoing Bosnia International Grandmasters Chess Tournament with a comprehensive victory over leader Vadimir Malakhov of Russia in the ninth and penultimate round.

– Sasikiran beats Malakhov. *Tribune.* May 17, 2006: 18.

Satender Singh

The outgoing Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr Satender Singh, appears to be under the scanner at the fag end of his career with a Member of Parliament drawing the Congress-led UPA government's attention to his alleged involvement in what he describes as "insiduous Air Safety Violations" by Air-India.

– MP targets Civil Aviation Chief. *Tribune.* March 23, 2006: 2.

Sathyan, V.P.

Former Indian football captain V.P. Sathyan committed suicide in Chennai on July 18, leaving the country's football fraternity in shock. Sathyan, who was an assistant manager with Indian Bank, jumped from a moving train in the afternoon. The police found two notes from his pocket saying he was ending his life due to financial problems and for failing to do well as a player.

– Ex-footballer Sathyan commits suicide. *Tribune.* July19, 2006: 18.

Satpal Singh

The Supreme Court has ordered the revival of election petition against Himachal BJP MLA Satpal Singh, dismissed by the State High Court at the preliminary stage on the ground that it lacked material facts about alleged corrupt practice in favour of the wining candidate who was declared elected by a slender margin of 51 votes.

– SC revives plea against Una MLA. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 2.

Satya Prakash

Twentynine-year-old Satya Prakash of Madhya Pradesh breasted the tape with a time of 2:31:26 to win the Mawana Sugars Indian Open Marathon in New Delhi on September 17.

– Leelamma wins marathon. *Tribune.* September 18, 2006: 21.

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Satyabrata Pal

India's High Commissioner in South Africa Satyabrata Pal is being considered by Foreign Secretary-designate Shiv Shankar Menon to succeed him as Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan.

– Pal tipped to be Indian envoy to Pakistan. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006:2.

Satyabrata Pal, India's envoy to South Africa, was on October 9 appointed as the next High Commissioner to Pakistan. Mr Pal, who succeeds Mr Shiv Shankar Menon, is expected to take up his assignment shortly, an official announcement in New Delhi said.

– Satyabrata Pal is High Commissioner to Pakistan. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 2.

Satyanand, Anand

Amid trumpets and a 21-gun salute, Anand Satyanand, a person of Indian origin (PIO), was on August 23 sworn in on the steps of Parliament as New Zealand's new Governor-General. Satyanand, 62, has thus become New Zealand's first Governor-General of Asian descent.

– Satyanand sworn in NZ Governor-General. *Tribune.* August 24, 2006:12.

Satyender

National judo champion and a student of the local Jat College, Satyender, was found murdered in his room at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) hostel located on the premises of Haryana Agricultural University (HAU) in Hisar on April 3. Nineteen-year-old Satyender belonged to Sansanwal village in Bhiwani district and was a student of BA-I.

– Judo champion found murdered. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 18.

National judo champion Satyendra, who was murdered in his hostel room on Sunday, was killed by two fellow players, the police said on April 6. "One of the killers was jealous of Satyendra for his top positions and also a rival in the 66 kg weight category," Superintendent of Police (SP) A.S. Chawla told UNI.

– Judoka was murdered by fellow players. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 18.

Prime suspects in the murder case of national judo champion Satyender, Dharmender of Khedar village in this district, and Vinod of Shaharmalpur village in Panipat district, surrendered in the court of Ms Poonam Suneja, Judicial Magistrate (First Class), in Hisar on April 10.

– Judokas murder: accused surrender. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 20.

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Sawant, Rakhi

The Oshiwara police in suburban Mumbai has registered a complaint of molestation filed by Bollywood item girl Rakhi Sawant against Mika, brother of singer Daler Mehndi. In her complaint Sawant alleged that she was dancing with her friends at an Andheri night club on June 10 when she was accosted by Mika.

– Kiss by Mika kicks up a row. *Tribune.* June 12, 2006: 1.

Acting on a complaint of sexual assault by 23-year-old Bollywood dancer Rakhi Sawant, the National Commission for Women (NCW) has written to the Mumbai Police Commissioner, seeking details on the action taken on her allegations. In her complaint sent to the Commission by e-mail, Rakhi has alleged that Punjabi pop singer Mika "brutally assaulted her" and "forcibly smooched her" at his birthday party in a restaurant in Andheri on June 10.

– Rakhi Sawant moves NCW. *Tribune.* June 17, 2006: 2.

Rakhi seemed unsure about considering an out-of-court settlement with Mika. She told the *Tribune* after her meeting with the NCW chairperson that she would never agree to such a settlement.

– Rakhi refuses out-of-court settlement. *Tribune.* June 20, 2006: 2.

Supporting the case of Rakhi Sawant, Ms Vyas said Mika had assaulted her sexually and that the NCW would back the girl in her fight for justice.

– Support for Sawant. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006: 3.

Sawant, Tejaswini

Indian shooters fired on target on the opening day of the event clinching three gold and one silver medals from the five pair events at the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 17. Tejaswini Sawant and Avneet Kaur Sidhu grabbed the yellow metal aggregating 791 at the Wellsford Rifle Range at Bendigo.

– Indian shooters steal the show. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 1.

Avneet Kaur may have lost gold medal in 10m air rifle singles event by a whisker, but she is happy with the fact that her pairs event partner and close pal Tejaswini Sawant is the one who defeated her to clinch gold for India.

– No regret on losing gold: Avneet. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 18.

Commonwealth Games gold medal winner Tejeswini Sawant pipped seasoned campaigner Anjali Bhagwat by a point in the shoot out to bag 10m air rifle title in the 4th Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Shooting Championship in Jalandhar on April 12.

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– Tejeswini pips Anjali to win gold. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 21.

Sawarkar, Sameer

Indian entrepreneurs Mr Vikram Akula, founder of SKS Microfinance, and Mr Sameer Sawarkar of Neurosynaptic Comm are among the 10 South Asian origin persons who were awarded the 2006 Global Indus Technovators Awards by the Indian Business Club at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Mr Sawarkar, founder of Neurosynaptic Communications Pvt. Ltd, works in the areas of remote medical diagnostics and telemedicine, and has developed ReMeDiV solution for rural telemedicine.

– Two Indian entrepreneurs awarded. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 17.

Saxena, D.C. (Dr)

Dr D.C. Saxena was a one-man army and a crusader who fought relentlessly for righteousness. As professor of English at the Panjab University, Dr D.C. Saxena, who died recently at the age of 67, could have led a comfortable life taking classes and writing books but as he told his family and friends, "literature is my love and fighting for justice my passion."

– A crusader for justice. *Tribune.* August 03, 2006: 11.

Sebastain, Thomas

Former India footballer Thomas Sebastain died at his residence in Thiruvananthapuram on August 28 following a cardiac arrest. He was 46 and is survived by his wife and two children.

– Sebastain dead. *Tribune.* August 29, 2006: 18.

Seechewal, Balbir Singh (Sant)

Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal's relentless efforts of cleaning the Kali Bein rivulet have started bearing fruit. The President, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, has not only recognised his work but will be visiting his Nirmal Kuteya in Sultanpur Lodhi of Kapurthala district on August 17.

– Kalam recognises Seechewal's exemplary effort. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006: 7.

He is no environmentalist of the conventional type. He does not have the backing of an NGO flush with funds. Fortysix-year-old Sant Balbir Singh of Seechewal village, near Sultanpur Lodhi, is a "Karam yogi", who has proved that determined and honest efforts always lead to encouraging results. The latest proof is that as a result of his endeavour the Kali Bein, a rivulet with historical and religious significance, is no longer polluted and impure.

– The Sant and society. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 10.

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Sehgal, Andaleeb

The Iraqi oil-for-food scam's key accused Andaleeb Sehgal allegedly helped by former External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh in getting a contract for lifting of the oil under the UN scheme, on September 1 moved the Supreme Court for staying investigations against him by various agencies.

– Andaleeb moves SC for stay of probe. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 2.

Owner of Hamdaan Exports, Andaleeb Sehgal, a friend of Natwar Singh's son Jagat, and two others have submitted their replies to the Enforcement Directorate to the show cause notice issued against them for alleged violation of the FEMA Act.

– Andaleeb's reply. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 1.

Sehgal, N.K. (Prof)

The committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor of Punjab University to look into the allegations of molestation levelled by a school girl who was taking tuitions from a PU Professor has found the Professor guilty. The girl, a student of DAV Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 15, has alleged that Prof N.K. Sehgal of the Department of Evening Studies used to teach her at his house and had, on one occasion, tried to take advantage of the situation. Interestingly, while Syndicate members authorised the VC to take action against the Professor for taking tuitions, they felt that the University could not take any action against the teacher who is facing charges of molestation.

– PU panel finds Prof guilty. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 2.

Sehwag, Virender

Virender Sehwag just about managed to be among the top 10 in the latest ICC Test rankings after his twin failures in India's first cricket Test against England.

– Sehwag slips in Test rankings. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 18.

Hard-hitting opener Virender Sehwag, whose services are crucial to Indian's fate in the third cricket Test in Mumbai, will come out to bat tomorrow after being given the go-ahead by the doctors.

– Sehwag cleared to bat. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 19.

As the performance graph of opening batsman Virender Sehwag goes down with each match, the clamour to drop him from the team is going up in equal measure.

– Clamour for Viru's head gains momentum. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006:22.

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Former captain Kapil Dev has suggested that out of form opener Virender Sehwag and Mohammad Kaif should be asked to quit the Indian team and play domestic cricket to regain their touch.

– Drop Sehwag, Kaif: Kapil. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 18.

Indian skipper Rahul Dravid on April 14 defended the team management's decision to persist with the struggling duo of Virender Sehwag and Mohammad Kaif, saying some players needed to be backed more because of their capabilities.

– Kaif, Sehwag get Dravid's backing. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 22.

Sehwag has been warned verbally from speaking to the media on burnout and the Ganguly issue. Players cannot speak on Board policies and selection matters, Shah declared.

– BCCI warns Sehwag. *Tribune.* May 10, 2006: 18.

Brian Lara went scott free after angrily waggling his finger at an umpire but Indian vice-captain Virender Sehwag was fined for "prematurely celebrating" a dismissal in the drawn first cricket Test.

– Sehwag fined, Lara let off. *Tribune.* June 09, 2006: 23.

Indian vice-captain Virender Sehwag on August 1 rebutted John Wright's charge that there was zonal bias in team selection, saying five men are involved in picking a player and talent cannot be hidden for long.

– Sehwag rebuts Wright's claims on selection. *Tribune.* August 02, 2006:18.

Sejwal, Sandeep

The men's 100m breaststroke saw Sandeep Sejwal victorious with a timing of 1:07.73 seconds, followed closely by Bangladesh's Shahajahan Ali.

– Swimmers continue to make a splash. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 18.

Selja

Former Haryana Chief Minister and Indian National Lok Dal supremo Om Prakash Chautala on October 2 demanded the resignation of Union Minister, Selja and Ambala Cantt MLA, Devender Bansal for their alleged involvement in the Agrofed scam.

– Selja must quit for Agrofed scam: Chautala. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006:3.

Sen, Amartya (Prof)

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen receives an Indian Science Congress Association Award from the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, during the 93rd Indian Science Congress at Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in Hyderabad on January 3.

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– *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 1.

Next week will see the launch of Professor Amartya Sen's latest book, *Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny* (Penguin). It will be jointly released by Najam Sethi, Editor-in-Chief of *The Friday Times* and also that of *The Daily Times* (Pakistan) and N. Ram, Editor-in-Chief of *The Hindu.*

– Amartya Sen's latest book. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 13.

The struggle to make relationship of gays legal is likely to gain momentum as noted author Vikram Seth, Nobel Laureate Amrtya Sen and legal luminary Soli Sorabjee have written an open letter to the government on the issue.

– Vikram Seth, Amartya Sen join fight for gays' rights. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006:2.

Nobel Laureate Prof Amartya Sen's theory on affirmative action and concept of merit seems to have its imprint on the recent Supreme Court judgement on reservation, as a five-judge constitution Bench has quoted extensively from his book "Meritocracy and Economic Inequality" to emphasise its balancing theory on quota.

– Amartya Sen's theory 'inspired' SC ruling on quota. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 2.

Sengar, Kuldip

Unnao MLA, Kuldip Sengar of BSP was expelled on October 7 for considering to switch over to the Samajwadi Party three years ago when Mr Mulayam Singh Yadav was putting together a coalition government.

– Mayawati gets even with 'disloyal' MLA. *Sunday Tribune.* October 08, 2006: 2.

Sengupta, Deep

Grandmaster norm holder Deep Sengupta caused a flutter defeating GM Sarunas Sulskis of Luthuania while Parimarjan Negi's norm prospects suffered a setback in the fourth round of the 'A2' section of Aeroflot International Open chess tournament in Moscow on February 11.

– Sengupta upsets Sarunas. *Sunday Tribune.* February 12, 2006: 23.

Sengupta, Pulak (Dr)

Dr Pulak Sengupta receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Seshadri, C.S. (Prof)

Prof C.S. Seshadri, an eminent Mathematician, has been appointed National Research Professor in recognition of his contribution in his field.

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– 3 National Research Professors appointed. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 8.

Seshasayee, R.

Managing Director of Ashok Leyland, R. Seshasayee was on April 19 elected President of CII while Sunil Bharti Mittal of Bharti Telecom became the Vice President. Mr Seshasayee, who has been a member of the CII national council for 20 years, succeeds Mr Y.C. Deveshawar of ITC. Mr Seshasayee and Mr Mittal were declared elected at the annual session of the industry chamber on April 19.

– CII chief. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 15.

Setalvad, Teesta

The fiery human rights activist, Teesta Setalvad, tore through the fabric of the criminal justice system of the country, emphasising it must be made more accountable to the people. "Our system needs to know it is being watched," she said. In the city to receive the first 'Sardar Kulwant Singh Advocate Memorial Award', constituted this year by the Lawyers for Human Rights International, at a function at Panjab University on April 14, she spoke at length about the legal struggle for human rights in India.

– Teesta Setalvad for more accountable justice system. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 3.

Seth, Roshan

Three Indians — Mr Roshan Seth, Ms Supriya Banerji and Mr Jag Mohan Puri — have been conferred the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for outstanding contribution in cementing Indo-British relations through business, education, theatre and film and television. The British High Commission said on September 28.

– Three Indians conferred Order of British Empire. *Tribune.* September 29, 2006: 2.

Seth, Vikram

The struggle to make relationship of gays legal is likely to gain momentum as noted author Vikram Seth, and others have written an open letter to the Government on the issue. Vikram Seth has joined the gay rights movement in India, while accepting "I' in India, while accepting " I'm a gay — or partly gay" in an interview to the NDTV Managing Editor Barkha Dutt.

– Vikram Seth, Amartya Sen join fight for gays' rights. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 2.

Sethi, Anil

After dodging the CBI for about two weeks in connection with the Srinagar

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sex scandal, Anil Sethi, a former Advocate-General of Jammu and Kashmir, surrendered in a court in Jammu/Srinagar on June 21.

– J&K ex-Advocate-Gen surrenders. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006: 1.

Sethi, Geet

Billiards ace Geet Sethi has regained the World Professional title in the three-ball game after seven years in Wales, United Kingdom, defeating England's Lee Legan by over 1000 points in the five-hour final.

– Geet Sethi wins world pro title. *Sunday Tribune.* June 04, 2006: 22.

Sethi, Inder (Brig)

A senior Gorkha Regiment officer, Brig Inder Sethi (retd), 81, who was instrumental in drafting the military part of the Indo-Russian Friendship Treaty before the 1971 Indo-Pak war for the liberation of Bangladesh, died on January 15 in New Delhi after a brief illness.

– Brig Sethi dead. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 5.

Sethi, Manjit Singh

Dance Bar Association president Manjit Singh Sethi, jailed by the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for breach of special privilege of the Lower House, on April 17 filed a petition in the Bombay High Court seeking his release.

– Jailed dance bar body chief pleads for release. *Tribune.* 18, 2006: 2.

Sethi, R.P. (Justice)

The State Accountability Commission (SAC), which was established in Jammu and Kashmir to check corruption in high places, has suffered a jolt within eight months of its existence as its Chairman, Mr Justice R.P. Sethi, resigned on May 6 in protest against "interference" by the State Government in the functioning of the Commission.

– SAC Chairman R.P. Sethi resigns. *Tribune.* May 07, 2006: 6.

Sethuraman, S.P.

S.P. Sethuraman secured his maiden International Master norm with a brilliant victory over I.M. Sergei Simonenko of Turkmenistan in the eighth and penultimate round of the Dubai International Open Chess championship in Dubai. The Chennai-based teenager, who has so far lost only his third-round game (against a leader) in the event, took his tally to 5 points after a win with white pieces against the titled player.

– Sethuraman secures maiden IM norm. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 18.

Shah, Mulchand

The designated TADA court in Mumbai on November 16 found absconding

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accused Tiger Memon's hawala operator Mulchand Shah, who had mobilised funds used in the blasts, and one of his associates guilty for their involvement in the serial blasts in the metropolis on March 12, 1993.

– 2 Memon men found guilty. *Tribune.* November 17, 2006: 2.

Shah, Shabir Ahmad

Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) Shabir Ahmad Shah was put under house arrest in Srinagar on October 11 afternoon.

– Shabir Shah put under house arrest in Kashmir. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 6.

Senior separatist leader and president of the Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) Shabir Ahmad Shah was detained by the police with 10 party activists after he led a protest march in the city, in violation of prohibitory orders, demanding revocation of the death sentence of Mohammad Afzal Guru, convicted in the Parliament attack case.

– Shabir detained during protest. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 6.

Shah, Zameer Uddin (Lieut-Gen)

There have been some senior-level changes in the Army with Lieut-Gen Zameer Uddin Shah taking over as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Personnel and Systems) at Army Headquarters and Lieut-Gen P.R. Gangadharan taking over as the Military Secretary, according to the Army, which on September 29 said the changes were routine.

– Zameer Shah is deputy Army chief. *Tribune.* September 30, 2006: 2.

Shahabuddin, Mohammad

RJD MP Mohammad Shahabuddin was on January 19 granted bail by the Patna HC in an Arms Act case. Justice Mridula Mishra granted bail to Shahabuddin in a case lodged with the Hussainganj police station in Siwan district in 2005 charging the MP with sale and purchase of illegal weapons.

– Shahabuddin gets bail. *Tribune.* January 20, 2006: 2.

The opposition RJD is apparently on the backfoot after the recent revelation indicating the alleged links between the party MP from Siwan, Md Shahabuddin, and the Hizbul Mujahideen. RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav as well as other senior party leaders are finding it difficult to defend Shahabuddin, now lodged in Bhagalpur jail, after the reports that the Jammu and Kahsmir Police may soon question him for allegedly procuring sophisticated firearms from Hizbul mercenary.

– RJD on backfoot on Shahabuddin. *Tribune.* February 13, 2006: 17.

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Controversial RJD MP from Siwan Mohammad Shahabuddin failed to get any reprieve from the Patna High Court which on April 17 rejected his bail plea in a case relating to exchange of fire between the police and the MP's supporters at his Pratappur house in March 2001.

- Shahabuddin's bail plea rejected. *Tribune.* April 18, 2006: 2.

Mohammad Shahabuddin, RJD MP from Siwan, reportedly exchanged blows with jail authorities at Siwan district jail on May 9 night after the authorities objected to the presence of supporters in the room allotted to him in violation of rules in the jail manual.

- Shahabuddin trades blows in jail. *Tribune.* May 11, 2006: 2.

RJD MP Mohammad Shahabuddin, who is facing over a dozen criminal cases including sedition, has landed in fresh trouble when a district court on December 7 issued a production warrant against him in a case related to someone else appearing on his behalf during a law examination last year.

- Shahabuddin lands in fresh trouble. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 19.

Shaikh, Niaz Ahmed

The special TADA court which is hearing the 1993 blasts case on October 3 found Niaz Ahmed Shaikh guilty of conspiracy. Shaikh was found guilty of conducting a survey of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation building with a view to carrying out a blast there. He was also found guilty of attending conspiracy meetings and obtaining training in arms and explosives in Pakistan.

- '93 blasts: Niaz Shaikh found guilty. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006: 2.

Shailaja, Pujari

Pujari Shailaja one of India's gold medal prospects in the upcoming Melbourne Commonwealth Games, has tested positive for a banned drug, inflicting yet another blow to Weightlifting Federation's efforts to clean up its dope tainted image.

- Shailaja tests positive for banned drug. *Tribune.* March 01, 2006: 22.

Lifter Pujari Shailaja, a strong gold medal contender for the upcoming Commonwealth Games, was on March 1 provisionally suspended for testing positive for a banned drug.

- IWF slaps provisional suspension on Shailaja. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006:20.

It's official now. After days of wrangling, the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has now pulled out dope tainted weightlifter Pujari Shailaja from the Melbourne-bound Commmonwealth Games squad.

- Shailaja dropped from C'wealth squad. *Tribune.* March 03, 2006:20.

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Shampura, Gurwinder Singh

The Shiromani Akali Dal has removed the SGPC member, Mr Gurwinder Singh Shampura, from the primary membership of the party for his alleged antiparty activity. Dr Daljeet Singh Cheema, secretary of the SAD, said the party President, Mr Parkash Singh Badal, had taken action against Mr Shampura.

– Shampura removed from SAD. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006:4.

Shan, Ghulam Mohammad

Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party on September 23 appointed Ghulam Mohammad Shan as the spokesman for the party with immediate effect. He is one of the founder members of the party. He resigned from Government service as a school master and joined the party in 1983. He is a social activist and journalist.

– Shan appointed JKNPP spokesman. *Sunday Tribune.* September 24, 2006: 6.

Shan, Harnam Singh (Dr)

Dr Harnam Singh Shan, Professor Emeritus and a former Chairman, Guru Nanak Chair, Panjab University, has been invited by San Jose State University, California, USA, to participate in an International Conference on Guru Arjan Dev's life and martyrdom commencing there from July 29. He will present his paper on "Concept and Tradition of Martyrdom in the context of Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev".

– Sikh scholar invited to USA. *Tribune.* June 29, 2006: 3.

Shankar, K.

Veteran South Indian film director and editor K. Shankar died of a massive heart attack in Chennai, his family sources said. Shankar (80) who died at his residence on March 5 night is survived by wife, three daughters and three sons. Starting his film career as an editor at the famous AVM Studio, he later ventured into film direction and his very first directorial venture was Sinhalese film 'Doctor.' Shankar had directed a little more than 100 films in his career. He had directed three Chief Ministers, M.G. Ramachandran in 'Adimai Penn,' N.T. Rama Rao in 'Bhookailash' in Telugu and Jayalalithaa in 'Gowri Kalyanam.' Only a week ago, he received Tamil Nadu Government's 'Raja Sandow' award from Jayalalithaa.

– Noted film director Shankar dead. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 8.

Shankar, Mamata

There is more to Mamata Shankar than a celebrated lineage. Having walked

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the experimental road laid down by her father Uday Shakar, she has now carved her own path where dance is not required to be defined in terms of styles. It is fashioned more as a language, a mood, a wave and its purpose is communication across the physical and geographical divides.

– She enjoys reputation of a classic 'modern' dancer. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 3.

Shankaran, Ravi

A worldwide arrest notice was issued on May 12 against one of the main accused in the Navy war room leak case Ravi Shankaran, a kin of Naval Chief Arun Prakash. The Interpol issued the Red Corner notice after the CBI approached it on May one, a CBI spokesperson said in New Delhi.

– Interpol notice on kin of Navy chief. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 1.

The CBI on September 19 attached property and bank accounts of Ravi Shankaran, one of the prime accused in the naval war room leak case and a kin of Navy chief Arun Prakash, for his failure to appear before it for questioning.

– War room leak: CBI attaches Shankaran's property. *Tribune.* September 20, 2006: 1.

Shankardass, Rani Dhavan (Dr)

Dr Rani Dhavan Shankardass has been appointed Chairperson of Penal Reform International (PRI), a prestigious international non-governmental organisation based in London, UK. This was disclosed in a statement issued by the PRI on January 29.

– Shankardass is penal reform chief. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 11.

Shanta Kumar

The appointment of Mr Shanta Kumar, who is credited with popularising the BJP in the hill state and spearheading the party to power for the first time in 1977 and later in 1989, is one of the major surprises in the new national office-bearers team constituted by Mr Rajnath Singh as he remained completely sidelined during the presidentship of Mr L.K. Advani and earlier Mr M. Venkaiah Naidu.

– Shanta Kumar is BJP Vice-President. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 2.

With an eye on the 2007 Punjab Assembly polls, BJP President Rajnath Singh on February 16 decided to make the party's "spin doctor" and General Secretary, Arun Jaitley in charge of the State, while BJP's veteran leader from Himachal Pradesh Shanta Kumar was made in charge of Bihar, giving free hand to former state Chief Minister, P.K. Dhumal.

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– Jaitley made Punjab in charge. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 2.

Sharath Kamal, Achanta

India's top paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal, played a fiery attacking game to upset the higher-ranked Nigerian Segun Toriala and storm into the men's singles finals at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne on March 25.

– Sharath storms into TT final. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 22.

Achanta Sharath Kamal provided a fitting finale to India's impressive run in the Commonwealth Games with a gold in men's singles table tennis on the closing day of the merga event in Melbourne on March 26. Third seed Sharath, favourite to win the title, fought a 1-2 deficit to prevail 4-3 against William Henzell of Australia in an engrossing thriller.

– Sharath bags TT gold. *Tribune.* March 27, 2006: 20.

Achanta Sharath Kamal broke new ground in Indian table tennis when he became the first paddler from the country to reach the semifinals of an ITTF pro-tour event at Brazil Open in Sao Paulo.

– Sharath storms into semis. *Tribune.* June 26, 2006: 19.

India's top paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal recorded a major win of the season when he defeated world No. 24 Zoran Primorac of Croatia in the Spanish League tie. Playing for his Spanish Club San Sebastian, Sharath Kamal got the better of his famed rival 3-0 and helped his team score a thumping 3-1 win over Spain's number one club Granada.

– Sharath posts win in Spanish League. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 20.

Shariq, Shariefuddin

National Conference member Shariefuddin Shariq was suspended by the Speaker, Mr Tara Chand, after a voice vote in the House on August 2 for the remaining two days of the session.

– Speaker suspends NC member. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 6.

Sharma, Anuj

The Crescent Club on April 11 honoured Anuj Sharma, an emerging singer of Rehan town, who brought laurels to Himachal Pradesh by getting to the top three positions of Indian Idol. The reception to honour the artiste was organised at Bassa Waziran, near Nurpur.

– Crescent Club honours Anuj Sharma. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 13.

Sharma, Arvind

Dr Arvind Sharma, a veterinarian from Himachal Pradesh has won the "Best Field Clinical Award" instituted by the Indian Society for Veterinary

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Surgery. Over 150 scientists and veterinary surgeons from all over the country were in the fray for the award.

– Veterinarian honoured. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 9.

Sharma, Atul

Atul Sharma, who is a first year student of the Mullana College, has won the best scientific poster award at the four-day 32nd National Conference of the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India held in Kolkata from December 13. Dr Sharma's paper was selected from among 127 posters chosen from all over the country and prepared by senior academicians, consultants and post-graduate students.

– Mullana medico wins laurels. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 3.

Sharma, Bhakti

Swimming sensation Bhakti Sharma, who was in the news for crossing the English Channel recently, has won the gold medal in an international meet organised at Zurich (Switzerland).

– Swimmer Bhakti wins marathon. *Tribune.* August 08, 2006: 18.

Sharma, Devender Kumar

A cadet at the Indian Military Academy committed suicide on its 74th Raising Day, the police said on October 1. The body of Devendra Kumar Sharma, who hailed from the Kandaghat area in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his room at 6 am. He was a member of the Siachen Batallion of the IMA.

– IMA cadet commits suicide. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006: 1.

The Himachal Government will be writing to the Defence Ministry to order a CBI inquiry into the death of an Indian Military Academy (IMA) cadet, Devender Kumar Sharma, a resident of the Kandaghat area in Solan district.

– Govt to seek CBI probe into cadet's death. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006:9.

Sharma, G.D. (Justice)

Justice G.D. Sharma was on October 27 appointed President of the J&K State Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission. The Commission had been lying defunct for almost two years without a president.

– Justice Sharma heads dispute redressal forum. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 8.

Sharma, Harbans Kumar

Mr Harbans Kumar Sharma on November 23 took over as Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Board, Hamirpur.

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– HPSSSB chief takes over. *Tribune.* November 24, 2006: 9.

Sharma, Harish

Investigations into the Rahul Mahajan drug abuse case made further headway with the arrest of Harish Sharma, a key aide to the late BJP leader, Pramod Mahajan and his driver Ganesh on charges of destruction of evidence.

– Pramod Mahajan's key aide gets bail. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 22.

Sharma, J.K.

Mr J.K. Sharma has taken over as Director (Civil) of the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN). Earlier, he was General Manager (Contracts) and head of the 1020-MW Khab hydroelectric project in the corporation.

– J.K. Sharma is SJVN Director (Civil). *Tribune.* June 17, 2006: 19.

Sharma, Jugal Kishore

The Chairman of Improvement Trust, Amritsar; Mr Jugal Kishore Sharma, is in the dock again following charges of 'manipulations' to help his elder brother pass building plan of prime commercial land near Town Hall.

– Improvement Trust chief in the dock. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 5.

The Deputy Director, Local Bodies, has indicted Mr Jugal Kishore Sharma, Chairman of the Improvement Trust, Amritsar, and several other employees for selling three plots worth crores at throw-away prices to its "blue-eyed employees", in violation of all norms.

– Improvement Trust chief indicted in plot scam. *Sunday Tribune.* November 19, 2006: 4.

As many as six out of nine trustees of the Amritsar Improvement Trust have virtually raised a banner of 'revolt' against its Chairman, Jugal Kishore Sharma who is also a ruling party MLA. All six trustees are senior local Congress leaders.

– 6 revolt against trust Chairman. *Sunday Tribune.* December 03, 2006:4.

Sharma, M.L.

Mr M.L. Sharma, holding the post of Additional Director, has been promoted as Special Director in Central Bureau of Investigation. An IPS officer of 1972 batch of Rajasthan cadre, he has vast experience of CBI stretching over 15 years as SP, DIG, Joint Director and Additional Director.

– M.L. Sharma is CBI's Spl Director. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 2.

Sharma, Mahavir Prasad

Mr Mahavir Prasad Sharma of Karnal has been given the Vedvyas Award. His writings included "Jayat Jagdisham", Geetanjali" and "Haryana

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Gauravam". He is now the President of Sanskrit Bharati Institution, Karnal.

– Maharishi Balmiki Award for Sansar Chand. *Tribune.* February 15, 2006:7.

Sharma, Man Mohan

The Washington DC-based academy named Man Mohan Sharma, Emeritius Professor of Eminence, Mumbai University Institute of Chemical Technology, among the nine foreign associates for 2006, NAE President Wm. A Wulf said in a press note.

– Indian on NAE honour list. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 9.

Sharma, Manorma (Dr)

Dr Manorma Sharma, a retired music teacher of Himachal Pradesh University, has been honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Shiromani Award.

– Award for retired music teacher. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 9.

Sharma, Manu

A city sessions court on February 21 acquitted prime accused Sidharth Vashishtha, alias Manu Sharma, son of Haryana Minister Vinod Sharma, in the sensational murder of ramp model Jessica Lall at a South Delhi bar seven years ago. All eight co-accused were also acquitted by Additional Sessions Judge S.L. Bhayana, finding no evidence against them in the wake of most of the prosecution witnesses turning hostile during cross-examination.

– Menu, 8 others acquitted in Jessica murder case. *Tribune.* February 22, 2006: 1.

The Delhi High Court on April 16 granted bail to Jessica Lall murder case prime accused Manu Sharma and six other co-accused, imposing stringent conditions on them with the direction that they would not go abroad without the court's express permission.

– Manu, 6 others get bail in Jessica case. *Tribune.* April 19, 2006: 1.

Television channels have access to an audio CD in which Manu Sharma has allegedly confessed in chilling detail of killing model Jessica Lall and making his getaway from the scene of the crime. Jessica Lall was shot dead in a restaurant on April 29, 1999, and Sharma's statement was recorded on a CD seven days later. The CD has been presented to the Delhi HC.

– Manu Sharma's 'confession' with police. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 1.

The Delhi HC on October 3 began hearing arguments on the appeal filed by the Delhi Police against the acquittal of Siddharth Vashishtha, alias Manu Sharma, and eight others in the case of model Jessica Lall's murder in 1999.

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– Delhi HC begins hearing in Jessica case. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006: 2.

Model Jessica Lall murder case key accused Manu Sharma on November 3 made a plea through his counsel Ram Jethmalani to transfer the case from a Division Bench of the Delhi High Court to another Bench if it felt that there was media pressure on it in wake of a recent report in a newspaper. Jethmalani moved an application to this effect before a Bench of Mr Justice R.S. Sodhi and Mr Justice P.K. Bhasin, in which his client also sought to initiate contempt action against the newspaper.

– Manu seeks new Bench. *Tribune.* November 04, 2006: 1.

The Delhi High Court (HC) on November 7 dismissed the application of Jessica Lall murder case key accused Manu Sharma for shifting his appeal from a Division Bench hearing after a report in a newspaper had made certain references about a past incident pertaining to his bail plea.

– No change in Bench, Manu told. *Tribune.* November 08, 2006: 1.

Despite high pitched arguments by noted lawyer Ram Jethmalani in a bid to save Jessica Lall murder case key accused Manu Sharma, the Delhi High Court on December 18 convicted him for shooting down the ramp model in a crowded restaurant in New Delhi with his licenced pistol seven years ago. The court also convicted his two close friends — Vikas Yadav and Amardeep Singh Gill — for helping Manu in destroying the evidence after Jessica was shot at by him at the Tamarind Cafe on the intervening night of April 29-30, 1999 for refusing him drinks late at night as a bar tender but upheld the acquittal of six other co-accused.

– Manu guilty; Lalu not. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 1.

Former Haryana Minister Venod Sharma's son, Manu Sharma, was on December 20 given a life sentence by the Delhi High Court for killing ramp model Jessica Lall at a crowded restaurant in New Delhi with his licenced pistol seven years ago, rejecting the Delhi police plea for showing no leniency to him in awarding the maximum punishment of death.

– Life term for Manu. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 1.

Sharma, R.S.

Mr R.S. Sharma will be new Chairman and Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). Public Enterprise Selection Board on August 30 named Mr Sharma, presently the acting CMD and also Director (Finance) of ONGC, as its number one choice for the post, which fell vacant in May when Mr Subir Raha completed his five-year term.

– ONGC Chairman. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 17.

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Sharma, Radhey Shyam

The Haryana Government has given extension of one year to Mr. Radhey Shyam Sharma, Director of the State Sahitya Akademi, Panchkula. Mr Sharma, a veteran journalist, was appointed the Director of the Akademi last year. His term was to expire on August 30. He had also been the Editor of the *Dainik Tribune*.

– Term extended. *Tribune*. September 01, 2006: 7.

Sharma, Rahul

Cadets from the Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh NCC Directorate made a mark in the best cadet competition at the ongoing Republic Day camp in New Delhi, with Rahul Sharma winning the gold medal in the Air Wing category.

– Kulu NCC cadet gets PMs Baton at Republic Day camp. *Sunday Tribune*. January 29, 2006: 3.

Sharma, R.K.

The Delhi High Court on May 10 refrained from granting bail and posted the plea till July 27 to suspended IPS officer R.K. Sharma, prime accused in the Shivani Bhatnagar murder case, as the trial proceedings were expected to be completed by July end.

– Bail plea put off in Shivani case. *Tribune*. May 11, 2006: 1.

Sharma, Rajinder Kumar

"I spoke the truth and this is what I got in return", were the oft repeated words of 35-year-old former Punjab Technical University (PTU) clerk, Rajinder Kumar Sharma, father of a four-year-old child. For not getting his job back despite turning approver in the Vigilance case against former Minister Jagdish Singh Garcha in the PTU scandal, he took his life on January 30 on the PTU campus by consuming two celphos tablets. Rajinder died after naming the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the PTU as responsible for his suicide.

– Former PTU clerk ends life. *Tribune*. January 31, 2006: 1.

Sharma, Ramakant

Mr Ramakant Sharma was on January 13 unanimously elected as chairman of the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh. Mr Narender Thakur was unanimously elected vice-chairman of the Council while Mr D.R. Sharma was elected a nominee to the Bar Council of the India.

– Bar council chief. *Sunday Tribune*. January 15, 2006: 9.

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Sharma, Rashmi

A self-confessed Bula Chowdhury fan, Kolkata teen Rashmi Sharma emulated her idol and became the 11th Indian woman swimmer to cross the English Channel.

– Kolkata girl swims English Channel. *Tribune.* July 26, 2006: 18.

Sharma, S.C.

Mr S.C. Sharma has taken over as Inspector General (IG), North-West Sector, Central Reserve Police Force at Chandigarh. Prior to this appointment he was serving as IG, North-East at Shillong. A CRPF cadre officer, he has wide experience of anti-terrorist operations. During peak terrorism in Punjab, he served in Ferozepore, Chandigarh and Hoshiarpur.

– Sharma joins as IG, North-West Sector. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 3.

Sharma, S.K.

Mr S.K. Sharma, IG, Traffic, Punjab, will be the new IG of the Patiala Range, replacing Mr S.M. Sharma, who has been promoted as Additional Director-General of Police.

– S.K. Sharma new Patiala Range IG. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 6.

Sharma, S.K.

A US-bound Paris-Chicago flight of Air France was just about to take off from Charles De Gaulle airport, Paris, on August 22 morning when Mr S.K. Sharma, a Delhi-based upcoming industrialist, was stopped at the last point before boarding. Mr Sharma was along with his son, Shivang who is doing an under-graduation course in engineering in Michigan, USA.

– Indian detained at Paris airport. *Tribune.* September 02, 206: 1.

Sharma, S.M.

The Punjab Government on December 4 posted Mr S.M. Sharma as Additional DGP, Crime, replacing Mr Anil Kaushik, who has been sent to the Punjab Police Housing Corporation. The post had fallen vacant on the retirement of Mr P. Lal on November 30.

– S.M. Sharma is ADGP, Crime. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 4.

Sharma, S.P. (Dr)

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau has initiated probe against Jalandhar Civil Surgeon Dr S.P. Sharma, certain senior medical officers (SMOs) and other officials of the office of the Civil Surgeon for corrupt practices. USA-based NRI Santokh Singh Randhawa alias Kaile, on whose complaint the probe has been initiated, had alleged payment of bribe to agents for death certificate

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of his father.

– Probe against Civil Surgeon, SMOs begins. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 5.

Sharma, S.P. (Dr)

Dr S.P. Sharma, Senior Soil Chemist, and Dr S.K. Subehia, Scientist, Department of Soil Science, Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyala, Palampur, have been awarded the FAI Golden Jubilee Award for the Best Work Done on the "Effect of Long Term Fertiliser Use on Soil fertility and Crop Productivity" by the Fertiliser Association of India, New Delhi.

– FAI Golden Jubilee Award for S.P. Sharma. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 9.

Sharma, S.P.

The Haryana Government has posted Mr S.P. Sharma, IAS, on return from deputation with the Centre as Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Planning, relieving Mr N. Bala Baskar of the charge with immediate effect.

– S.P. Sharma is planning secretary. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 7.

Sharma, Satinder

Satinder Sharma, an international grade one hockey umpire working with the State Bank of India's Panjab University branch in Chandigarh, has been appointed as an umpire for the 28th men's hockey World Cup being organised at Monchengladbach in Germany from September 2.

– Satinder Sharma to umpire in hockey World Cup. *Tribune.* June 02, 2006: 18.

Sharma, Shilpa

The HP School Education Board in Dharamsala on May 12 declared the result of the Class X examination, conducted in March/April this year. Shilpa Sharma of Saraswati Vidya Mandir High School, Auhar (Bilaspur), has topped the merit list.

– Shilpa Sharma tops Class X exam. *Tribune.* May 13, 2006: 10.

Sharma, V.K.

Mr V.K. Sharma has taken over as Director (Technical), NFL. He was the Chief General Manager of the Bathinda unit of NFL before taking up this assignment.

– V.K. Sharma. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 19.

Sharma, V.K.

Mr V.K. Sharma was appointed Director, Public Relations, Punjab, in

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Chandigarh on October 13, replacing Mr B.S. Sudan, who has been transferred as Secretary, Cooperation.

– Appointed. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 5.

Sharma, Venod

The Opposition INLD of Haryana on March 9 turned the heat on the Haryana State Government on the Manu Sharma issue and said Manu Sharma's father, Mr Venod Sharma, Power and Public Works Minister, should be dropped from the Cabinet by the Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

– Drop Venod Sharma from Cabinet, demands INLD. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 7.

Mr Pratap Singh Chautala, former Haryana MLA on October 2 urged the CM, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, to drop the Power Minister, Mr Venod Sharma, from the Council of Minister.

– Demand to drop Venod Sharma from Cabinet. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 7.

Haryana Power Minister, Mr Venod Sharma, on October 3 sent a legal notice to the Star News channel through his counsel, Mr Matvinder Singh, asking the channel to telecast an "unconditional" apology within seven days or face civil and criminal legal action.

– Venod Sharmas legal notice to TV channel. *Tribune.* October 05, 2006:7.

After dithering for several days, Haryana Power Minister Venod Sharma on October 6 put in his papers. He submitted his resignation from the Cabinet to AICC president Sonia Gandhi in Delhi on October 6 morning.

– Venod Sharma quits. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006: 1.

Faced with the increasing pressure from the Party and growing public outrage, Haryana Power Minister Venod Sharma, father of Jessica Lall murder case accused Manu Sharma, finally resigned from the Ministry on October 6.

– Venod Sharma pays price for son's mistake. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006:2.

The Haryana Governor, Dr A.R. Kidwai, has accepted the resignation of the Power and Public Works Minister, Mr Venod Sharma.

– Kidwai accepts Venod Sharma's resignation. *Sunday Tribune.* October 08, 2006:1.

Sharma, Yamini

Satish Kaushik, Bollywoods top director announced that Yamini Sharma, will be the leading lady of his new multi-core project after seeing her photograph published in an English daily, at once transforming the life of this

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18-year girl and her family.

– Solan beauty catches Satish Kaushik's eye. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 3.

Finally, the charm of the tinsel world succeeded in persuading Yamini Sharma to accept the offer of Satish Kaushik to act in his forthcoming film. Disclosing this at a press conference in Solan on September 3, Yamini hoped that she would bring fame to her State by her work in the highly competitive world of Bollywood.

– Yamini says yes to acting. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006: 9.

Shastri, Ravi

A case was filed against former Test cricketer Ravi Shastri in a local court in December 22 for allegedly hurting the religious feelings of Hindus by reportedly eating beef during the India-South Africa Test match in Johannesburg

– Case filed against Shastri for eating beef. *Tribune.* December 23, 2006:22.

Shaw, Kiran Majumdar

Three Indian women, ICICI Bank Deputy Managing Director Chanda Kochhar, HSBC India CEO Naina Lal Kidwai and Biocon head Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, have been named among the world's 50 most powerful businesswomen by *the Fortune* magazine.

– 3 Indian women on global power list. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 1.

An advocate in Jodhpur in November 30 lodged a complaint in a lower court for obscenity against Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and Biocon's CEO Kiran Majumdar Shaw for their lip-locking incident and also against a newspaper for publishing its photograph.

– Lip-lock row. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 1.

Sheikh, Danish

The Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of the Mumbai police have arrested Danish Sheikh, a translator with a city-based Urdu daily for his alleged links with the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT).

– Journalist held for links with LeT. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006: 20.

Sheikh, Zahira

The Supreme Court on March 8 found Gujarat's Best Bakery case key witness Zahira Sheikh guilty of committing contempt of court by making false statement before it that she had not filed any affidavit in the appeal for retrial in the case and sentenced her to one year's imprisonment with a fine

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of Rs 50,000 on her.

– 1-year jail for Zahira in Best Bakery case. *Tribune.* March 09, 2006:1

Zahira Sheikh, key witness in the Best Bakery case, sentenced to one year imprisonment and fined Rs 50,000 by the Supreme Court for contempt for making a false statement, on March 20 moved an application for reducing the sentence and to absolve her from paying the fine.

– Zahira moves SC to reduce. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 2.

A total of eight properties, including bank accounts of Zahira Sheikh, as the eyewitness turned accused in the infamous Best Bakery case, have been attached by the Income Tax (IT) Department, Vadodara, her counsel Umesh Deshpande said in Mumbai on June 9.

– Zaheera's properties attached. *Tribune.* June 10, 2006: 19.

Sheoran, Visakha

Delhi girl Visakha Sheoran created the biggest upset in the women's section when she forced third-seeded Parul Goswami to pull out of the fray after she trailed 4-6, 0-2 in a second-round match of the DSCL Open National Tennis Championship at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association deco-turf court in New Delhi on October 11.

– Visakha eases out Parul. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 20.

Sherpa, Nadre

Mountaineer Nadre Sherpa, who had climbed the Everest twice, has committed suicide at his residence in Gangtok, the police said. The 45-year old Sherpa, who had been reportedly suffering from depression, hanged himself in his bathroom on Monday morning. Sherpa — who hailed from Darjeeling district in neighbouring West Bengal — worked as a senior instructor at the Sonam Gyatso Mountaineering Institute in Gangtok.

– Mountaineer dead. *Tribune.* July 27, 2006: 18.

Shetty, Nishit

An unbeaten knock of 66 of 111 by Nishit Shetty helped the Mumbai Cricket Academy (MCA) register victory over World Cricket Academy (WCA), Mumbai, in 13th J.P. Atray Cricket Tournament at DAV School, Sector 8, in Chandigarh, on September 24. The MCA won the match by 24 runs.

– Nishit steers MCA to victory. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 18.

Shikha

Uberoi sisters — Shikha and Neha — pulled off a major upset when they came from behind to topple the top seeded Russian duo of Galina Voskoboeva

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and Anastassia Rodionova 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 to move into the second round of the doubles event at the $ 175,000 Bell Challenge in Quebec City.

- Uberoi sisters stun top seeds. *Tribune.* November 03, 2006: 20.

Shinde, Priyanka D.

Priyanka D. Shinde gave the first gold to Maharashtra by beating Punjab in the final of 30 kg category. Priya Aken (32 kg) and Sarika Kadam (40 kg) were the other gold medallists for Maharashtra.

- School games: Punjab bag two gold. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 19.

Shinde, Sushil Kumar

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde, who was appointed Andhra Pradesh Governor despite the partys victory in the last state Assembly poll, has been moved to the Cabinet. He gets the key Power Ministry, held by P.M. Sayeed, who died recently.

- Soni, Soz, Deora join Union Cabinet. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 1.

Sushil Kumar Shinde is among the political heavyweights who were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on March 20.

- Arjun, Bhardwaj, Shinde elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 1.

Union Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde and Praful Patel, senior BJP leaders, Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley, and Congress spokespersons Abhishek Singhvi and Rajiv Shukla were among 27 newly-elected Rajya Sabha members from 11 states who took oath as member on April 14.

- Shinde, Sushma take oath as RS members. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 20.

The decision of Union Power Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh to grant pardon to Congress leader Gowru Venkata Reddy in the murder of rival Telugu Desam Party worker has come in for sharp criticism from the Supreme Court as it held that the entire case for clemency was built up on extraneous material.

- SC flays Shinde's role in pardoning Cong man. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 2.

Shivnath

A book "Makers of Dogri literature" authored by Shivnath was released by Prof. Amitabh Matto, Vice-chancellor of the Jammu University and the nonagenarian Prof Ramnath Shastri in Jammu on October 6. The book of Mr. Shivnath deals with various aspects of Dogri language and literature, its evolution and development since 12th century. Contribution of various Dogri

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poets has been highlighted in the book.

– Book on Dogri literature released. *Tribune.* October 07, 2007: 8.

Shobha, J.J.

J.J. Shobha of Railways cleared 6.32m on her second attempt, which was a creditable distance, to bag the gold in the women's long jump on the concluding day of the 46th National Open Athletics Championship at the flood-lit Jawaharalal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on October 8 night.

– Shobha leaps to gold. *Tribune.* October 09, 2006: 19.

Indian women athletes picked two silver and a bronze medal at the Asian Games in Doha on December 9 with help of athletes Soma Biswas and J.J. Shobha finishing second and third, respectively, and half-miler Santhi Soundarajan ending up second.

– Soma, Shobha, Santhi. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 22.

Shrivastava, Babloo

Underworld don Babloo Shrivastava and a Mumbai-based businessman were on July 3 sentenced to life imprionment by a local court for hatching a conspiracy to kill a Delhi businessman nearly 14 years ago. Additional Sessions Judge of a fast-track court, Mr Rajender Kumar, held Shrivastava and Nitin Shah guilty under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 302 (murder) of the IPC for the murder of Lalit Suneja.

– Life imprisonment for Babloo Shrivastava. *Tribune.* July 04, 2006: 2.

Shroff, Chanda

Chanda Shroff, a septuagenarian homemaker, who revived a dying traditional form of hand embroidery in Gujarat's Kutch region, on October 25 bagged $ 100,000 Rolex Awards for Enterprise, becoming the first Indian to win this prestigious prize.

– Indian embroiderer wins global award. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 16.

Shukla, Saurabh

An interview with Aniel Matherani, former Indian Ambassador to Croatia, on the Iraqi oil scam that cost Natwar Singh his job as External Affairs Minister, has earned Saurabh Shukla of *India Today* the first-ever M.S. Oberoi Media Award.

– M S Oberoi media awards announced. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 2.

Shyam Sundar, P. (Major)

Major P. Shyam Sundar, who was killed in an exchange of fire with militants in Jammu and Kashmir on March 5, was cremated with full military honours

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in Chennai this morning. Major Shyam Sundar had a heroic death while combating militants near Bhimbar Gali in the Poonch district.

– Martyr cremated. *Tribune.* March 08, 2006: 2.

Sibal, Hira Lal

It was recognition long due for veteran Punjab and Haryana HC advocate H.L. Sibal, a recipient of Padma Bhushan award. "I am very happy and satisfied with the award", said Mr Sibal while talking to *The Tribune.* After over 67 years, Mr Sibal recently retired from active legal practice.

– A witness to country's legal system. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 3.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court (HC) Bar Association on March 7 felicitated senior advocate Hira Lal Sibal, who was recently conferred Padma Bhushan for his service to society.

– H.L. Sibal felicitated. *Tribune.* March 08, 2006: 3.

Sibal, Kapil

Indicating stiff opposition to HRD Minister Arjun Singh's proposal for hiking the reservation of seats in higher educational institutions like IIMs and IITs, Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal on April 26 said, "Nothing should be done that will have a negative impact on the India's ability to compete in the world".

– Sibal says no to quota hike in colleges. *Tribune.* April 27, 2006: 1.

Siddaramaiah

The Karuba community on September 3 flocked to the Congress party in a massive show of strength to mark the induction of its undisputed leader Siddaramaiah into the Congress party in the presence of its President Sonia Gandhi. With the official induction of Siddaramaiah and his All India Progressive Janata Dal (AIPJD) into the party, the Congress has put together a powerful Lingayat-Vokkaliga-Karuba caste combination for what its leader's call an eminent Assembly election.

– Siddaramaih inducted into Congress. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006:2.

Siddiqui, Obaid (Prof)

Prof Obaid Siddiqui, an eminent Biologist, has been appointed National Research Professor in recognition of his contribution in Biology.

– 3 National Research Professors appointed. *Tribune.* May 02, 2006: 8.

Sidhu, Amarjeet Singh

Mr Amarjeet Singh Sidhu has taken over as Deputy Inspector General of Police, Chandigarh Range, Central Reserve Police Force, on April 27. A

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veteran of anti-terrorist operations, he served in Punjab for six years during the height of militancy.

– Sidhu is DIG, Chandigarh Range. *Tribune.* April 28, 2006: 3.

Sidhu, Avneet Kaur

Following her superb show at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, shooter Avneet Kaur Sidhu has set her sights on securing an Olympic berth. Avneet, who won a gold in the 10m air rifle pairs event and a silver in singles event at the Commonwelath Games, was accorded a warm welcome in Bathinda on her return.

– Avneet eyes Olympic berth. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 19.

The Punjab Government has sanctioned Rs 5 lakh for the training and equipment of ace shooter Avneet Sidhu. The amount was approved by the Chief Minister, thanks to the efforts made by Punjab Rifle Association Chairman, Ranjinder Singh.

– Rs 5 lakh for Avneet's training, equipment. *Tribune.* August 07, 2006:18.

Sidhu, Balwinder Singh

The Director, Agriculture, Punjab, Mr Balwinder Singh Sidhu, who was honoured on August 15 with a State Award by the Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, at Patiala, is an expert in agricultural engineering and water usage management. He is the author of three books and several research papers on this subject. Besides a citation, Mr Sidhu was given a cash award of Rs 11,000.

– Credit for award goes to farmers, says Sidhu. *Tribune.* August 17, 2006:5.

Sidhu, G.S. Damdami

The Tribune Trust has appointed Mr G.S. Sidhu Damdami Editor of *Punjabi Tribune.* He will take over the new charge on tomorrow, Mr H.K. Dua, Editor-in-Chief of *The Tribune* group of newspapers, said in Chandigarh, on July 31. Mr Sidhu Damdami is a writer, poet and journalist with 25 years of experience in the media. He has been Editor, Sankh (Punjabi Literary Magazine), Channel Head of Lashkara TV, Chief of News TARA Punjabi TV, Punjab State Correspondent, Prasar Bharti and Assistant Editor, Yojna (Punjabi).

– Sidhu Damdami is Editor of Punjabi Tribune. *Tribune.* August 01, 2006:1.

Sidhu, Gurdev Singh (Dr)

Dr Gurdev Singh Sidhu, a former Vice-Chairman of the Punjab School Education Board, has recently edited a book on literature, especially poems and songs, written from 1929 to 1945 as a tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

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This book has many poems which were banned by the British. "I have to do a lot of hard work to find the banned poems to include in the book entitled — Ghoria-Shaheed Bhagat Singh," said Dr Sidhu.

– Dr Sidhu finds rare literature on Bhagat Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006: 3.

Sidhu, Harjinder Singh

This vision of UK-based Harjinder Singh Sidhu who owns the airline-Air Slovakia, which he took over a week ago, will take off with the landing of his first inaugural flight from London to Amritsar on October 14. His daughter Ratanjeet Sidhu who is one of the directors of the company, would accompany him.

– 'Punjabi airline' connects Amritsar with London. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 3.

The Air Slovakia's Cologne-Bratislava-Amritsar flight with its NRI owner, Mr Harjinder Singh Sidhu, and his daughter Ratanjeet Sidhu landed at Rajasansi International Airport in Amritsar on October 14.

– Sidhu lands at Rajasansi on Air slovakia's maiden flight. *Sunday Tribune.* October 15, 2006: 4.

Sidhu, K.B.S.

The top echelon of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on April 13 conducted raids at the residences of two senior Punjab cadre IAS officers, Mr S.C. Agarwal and Mr K.B.S. Sidhu, and two Indian Forest Service officers, Mr Harsh Kumar and Mr Jagjit Singh Samundri as a part of investigations into the Forest Hill Golf Resorts case. Raids were also carried out at the resort and the sector 10 residence of its owner Col B.S. Sandhu (retd.)

– CBI raids houses of top IAS, IFS officers. *Tribune.* April 14, 2006: 1.

Sidhu, Kusumjit

The Punjab Government on January 4 promoted a 1979 batch IAS officer, Ms Kusumjit Sidhu, to the rank of Principal Secretary.

– New Principal Secretary. *Tribune.* January 05, 2006: 6.

Sidhu, Navjot Singh

On September 26, the Division Bench comprising Mr Justice Mehtab Singh Gill and Mr Justice Baldev Singh also directed the High Court registry to provide paper books of the case to Navjot Singh Sidhu's counsel as also the counsel for the Punjab Government.

– Murder case against Sidhu: hearing on November 16. *Tribune.* September

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27, 2006: 4.

An unsavoury situation arose at the Rajasansi International Airport when Mr Navjot Sidhu, a Member of Parliament from Amritsar, and Mr Avinash Rai Khanna, State BJP chief, entered into a verbal duel after seeing off the national party president, Mr Rajnath Singh, in Amritsar on November 14 evening.

– Navjot, BJP chief in 'verbal duel'. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 5.

In a decision of far-reaching consequence, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on December 1 found BJP MP and former Indian cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu guilty of having caused the death of 65-year-old Patiala resident, Mr Gurnam Singh, in 1988.

– Road rage stumps Sidhu. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006: 1.

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee has not accepted BJP member and former cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu's resignation from the Lower House as it was not in order.

– Resignation not in order. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006: 1.

Former BJP MP from Amritsar and ex-Indian cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu was on December 7 sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment and was also ordered to pay a fine of Rs.1 lakh by the Punjab and Haryana HC.

– 3-year jail for Sidhu. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006: 1.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Y.S. Rathore on December 7 accepted the bail bonds of BJP leader Navjot Singh Sidhu and his friend Rupinder Singh Sandhu.

– Sidhu submits bail bond. *Tribune.* December 08, 2006: 15.

Former BJP MP from Amritsar Navjot Singh Sidhu and Rupinder Singh Sandhu, convicted along with him in a road rage case, have filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against Punjab and Haryana High Court judgement sentencing them to three years' imprisonment.

– Sidhu moves SC. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 22.

Sikri, Rajiv

The appointment of Mr Shiv Shankar Menon as Foreign Secretary, who superseded 16 officers, has caused the first ripple in the Ministry of External Affairs with the resignation of Secretary (East) Rajiv Sikri.

– Sikri quits in protest. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006: 1.

Sikri, Veena

Two more senior diplomats — India's Ambassador to France, Mr T.C.A.

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Rangachari and High Commissioner to Bangladesh Veena Sikri, are understood to have put in their papers in protest against the appointment of Mr Shiv Shanker Menon as the Foreign Secretary.

– 2 more diplomats put in papers. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 1.

Sindhu Joy

The All-India Democratic Womens Association (AIDWA) has demanded the immediate release of the president of the Kerala State Students Federation of India, Sindhu Joy, who is also contesting against Chief Minister Oomen Chandy in the forthcoming elections in the State. Joy, who is the LDF candidate against Mr Dhandy, it is alleged, is being victimised.

– Free Kerala SFI chief, demands association. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 14.

Singal, Savita (Dr)

Dr Savita Singal, Professor of Family Resource Management with College of Home Science at Haryana Agricultural University (HAU) in Hisar, has been awarded visiting scholar fellowship by the Canadian International Development Agency and International Research and Development Council for a period of six months. Dr Singal would stay at Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, from October 9, 2006 to April 8, 2007.

– Canadian fellowship for professor. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 19.

Singh, A.K.

Air Officer Commanding-in-chief, Western Air Command, Air Marshal A.K. Singh, has been decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished service.

– Air Marshal A.K. Singh decorated. *Tribune.* April 02, 2006: 3.

Singh, H.P. (Dr)

The 'Handbook of Sustainable Weed Management' edited by Dr H.P. Singh, Lecturer, Dr Daizy Batish, Reader and Dr R. K. Kohli, Professor and Coordinator, Centre for Environment, Panjab University has been published by Haworth Press Inc, New York. It discusses innovative strategies to manage weeds without environmental damage.

– Pathak releases book on weed management. *Tribune.* April 20, 2006: 3.

Singh, J.J. (Gen)

Genral J.J. Singh, COAS, left for Melbourne on March 23 to witness the closing ceremony of the games. As per a press release, the General had been requested by the Indian Olympic Committee to witness the games in

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his capacity as the Vice-Chairperson of the Ceremonial Committee for the Commonwealth Games 2010. This visit also assumes significance as the Armed Forces are hosting the World Military Games in India in 2007.

– Army Chief leaves for Melbourne. *Tribune.* March 24, 2006: 22.

Chief of the Army Staff Gen J.J. Singh on October 3 laid a wreath at the newly constructed Chandigarh War Memonial during a brief visit to the Headquarter Western Command, Chandi Mandir, on October 3.

– Army Chief lays wreath at War Memorial. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006:3.

As India and Pakistan on October 17 announced resumption of the Composite Dialogue process through the Foreign Secretary-level talks, Chief of the Army Staff, Gen J.J. Singh, categorically said that the terror infrastructure in our neighbouring country was intact and that anti-India activities continued unabated.

– Insurgency along border unabated: Army Chief. *Tribune.* October 18, 2006: 1.

Singh, K.D.

A general court martial (GCM) on November 14 found former Commanding Officer, 5/5 Gorkh Rifles, K.D. Singh, guilty of two of the four charges against him in the case pertaining to his unit faking killings in Siachen Glacier about three years ago. He has been awarded two years loss of service for the purpose of pension and a severe reprimand. The seven member GCM, presided over by Brig Manvendra Singh, Commander, 114 Infantry Brigade, concluded on November 14.

– GCM: Siachen CO held guilty on 2 counts. *Tribune.* November 15, 2006:1.

Singh, N.P. (Dr)

Dr. N.P. Singh, Acting Director, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET), Longowal, has been nominated as the Chairman of Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kahsmir, Chandigarh for three years by the President of the ISTE, New Delhi. The ISTE is the top body of the country for the improvement of technical education.

– Dr. N.P. Singh is ISTE regional head. *Tribune.* February 23, 2006: 6.

Singh, Nitesh Kumar

Governor Valentina Matviyenko had a meeting with the city prosecutor probing the September 24 murder of Nitesh Kumar Singh, a final year student at the Mechnikov Medical Academy. He has decided to personally monitor the probe, according to state-run Rossia TV.

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– Protests in Russia over Indian student's killing. *Tribune.* September 30, 2006: 11.

Singh, Pitambar

Former NIS chief coach, Mr Pitambar Singh (82), widely perceived to be the doyen among badminton coaches in the region, passed away on August 5 morning at his residence in Patiala.

– Former NIS chief coach dead. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006: 23.

Singh, R.D. (Col)

Col R.D. Singh, Commandant of 213 Transit Camp in Jammu, has donated blood for the 64th time.

– Colonel donates blood for 64th time. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 7.

Singh, R.P.

Refusing to succumb to the pressure of agitating students, protesting against the Lyngdoh Committee report, Lucknow University Vice-Chancellor R.P. Singh on December 8 closed the University and its seven associated colleges sine die and cancelled the student union poll, scheduled for December 16.

– Lucknow V-C shuts down varisty. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 1.

Singh, S.P. (Dr)

The India Vision Foundation, New Delhi, will honour Dr S.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, and Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh, SSP, Central Jail, with "India Vision Puraskar-2006" on August 31 in New Delhi.

– Award for VC. *Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 5.

Singh, Santosh Kumar

The Delhi High Court on October 17 convicted its lawyer, Santosh Kumar Singh, in the high-profile Priyadarshani Mattoo rape and murder case, reversing the verdict of the trial judge in the crime committed by him 10 years ago when both were students of the law faculty in Delhi University. Santosh, a son of former Pondicherry Director-General of Police, J.P. Singh, was found guilty on both count, rape and murder of Mattoo at her Vasant Kunj residence in New Delhi in the after-noon on January 23, 1996, by a Bench of Mr Justice R.S. Sodhi and Mr Justice P.K. Bhasin.

– HC convicts lawyer Santosh in Mattoo murder case. *Tribune.* October 18, 2006: 1.

Applying the rarest of the rare principle in the murder case of Delhi University law student Priyadarshani Mattoo 10 years ago by senior faculty member

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Santosh Singh, now a practising lawyer, the Delhi High Court on October 30 awarded him the death sentence. It said there could be no other punishment for him than this on the face of the gravity of the crime committed. "He shall be hanged till death", was the verdict of a bench of Mr Justice R.S. Sodhi and Mr Justice P.K. Bhasin, which found Santosh guilty of rape and murder of Mattoo, in a judgement delivered on October 17 on the CBI appeal against his acquittal by a trial court in 1999.

– Mattoo killer to be hanged. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 1.

CBI Director Vijay Shankar on October 30 described the Delhi High Court's death sentence to Santosh Kumar Singh in the Priyadarshini Mattoo case as a "benchmark judgement" and underlined the meticulous and objective probe by the agency.

– Verdict in Mattoo case a 'benchmark': CBI. *Tribune.* October 31, 2006: 20.

Singh, T.P.

"Maharaja Ranjit Singh — Lion of Punjab", a documentary, was released in Amritsar on May 26. The Punjabi Theatre Academy (PTA), based in the UK, prepared the project on the life of the Maharaja, whose rule ended a turbulent political period in Punjab. Mr T.P. Singh, Executive Director of the PTA, said his academy had prepared a 110-minute drama on the life of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, which had Asians and the British in the cast.

– Documentary on Maharaja Ranjit Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006:4.

Singh, V.C.

Two weeks after he was sacked, Additional Sessions Judge V.C. Singh died of a massive heart attack on Wednesday. He was suspended earlier this year and an inquiry was ordered into the cases decided by him by a panel of the Bombay HC.

– Sack kills judge. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 1.

Singh, V.P.

Mr V.P. Singh's biography titled "Manzil Se Safar Zyada", which was released on this occasion, contains a detailed account of those turbulent days when the NDA Government was swept out of power and the Congress-led UPA took over the reins of the country.

– V.P. Singh finds virtues in Sonia. *Tribune.* June 26, 2006: 1.

Former Prime Minister V.P. Singh on June 29 declined to budge from the statement in his recently published memoir that Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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thought of quitting the BJP 20 years ago stressing that it was "but natural" that his statements would trigger denials.

– V.P. Singh sticks to his version. *Tribune.* June 30, 2006: 2.

As many as 97 persons were arrested on August 17 including former Prime Minister V.P. Singh, and CPI leader A.B. Bardhan when they tried to enter Uttar Pradesh to participate in the farmers' rally at Dadri at the site of the proposed Reliance Power Project. This takes the total of persons arrested to over 700 according to Principal Secretary Home S.K. Agarwal.

– V.P. Singh, Bardhan among 97 arrested. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 2.

Singla, Somesh

Political equations in Nabha constituency have got a new twist with Romesh Singla, a former MLA from Nabha and All-India Youth Congress President, joining the Congress party. Mr Singla had joined SAD (B) in 2004.

– Singla back in Congress. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 4.

Singla, Surinder (Dr)

A recipient of several awards and honours, Dr Surinder Singla, a TB and chest diseases specialist at the Civil Hospital, Sangrur, bagged another honour recently when he was honoured by the Punjab State TB Control Society for his contribution in the implementation of the revised national TB control programme (RNTCP) at a state-level function.

– TB specialist honoured. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 4.

Singla, Surinder

The general secretary of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Capt Kanwaljit Singh, on October 25 dismissed the Punjab Finance Minister, Mr Surinder Singla's remarks justifying the use of public funds on advertisements as "ridiculous and irrelevant".

– Singla's remarks on ads irrelevant, says Kanwaljit. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 4.

Singla, Vijay Inder

Ending months of uncertainity, the Congress on September 21 appointed Mr Vijay Inder Singla, as president of the Punjab Youth Congress. The Party also announced office-bearers of the PYC. Hailing from Patiala, Mr Singla is son of former MP Sant Ram Singla who was an associate of former President Giani Zail Singh.

– Vijay Inder Singla is PYC chief. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 22.

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Sinha, Alok

The government has appointed Mr Alok Sinha, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI). Mr Sinha is likely to take charge on January 2.

– FCI chief. *Tribune.* December 29, 2005: 17.

Sinha, Pratyush

Mr Pratyush Sinha, a 1969 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, was on September 2 appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC). Mr Sinha, who succeeds Mr P. Shankar, had retired as Secretary (Personnel) in July this year, official sources said.

– Pratyush Sinha is new CVC. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006:2.

Sinha, S.K.

The Punjab Governor, Gen S.F. Rodrigues (retd), on May 9 administered the oath of office to Mr S.K. Sinha, IAS (retd) as Chairman of the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) at Punjab Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh.

– New PPSC chief takes oath. *Tribune.* May 10, 2006: 13.

Sinha, S.K. (Lieut-Gen-retd)

Asserting that democracy was thriving in Jammu and Kashmir, Governor S.K. Sinha said in Srinagar on August 27 that the idea of self-rule would not be introduced though there was scope of improvement in different ways. He held that democracy and self-rule were synonymous adding instead there was urgent need to introduce self-rule in PoK and northern region of Pakistan.

– Governor not in favour of self-rule in J&K. *Tribune.* August 28, 2006: 6.

Jammu and Kashmir Governor S.K. Sinha said on September 16 the perception that Hurriyat Conference represented the people of the State was wrong as they did not have representatives from all regions.

– Hurriyat does not represent people of J&K: Sinha. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 2.

Sinha, Satyendra Narayan

The former Bihar Chief Minister Satyendra Narayan Sinha died in Patna on September 4 morning. He was 89. The ruling NDA has declared a two-day State mourning to pay respect to Sinha.

– Former CM Sinha dead. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 2.

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Sinha, Yashwant

BJP's Rajya Sabha Member and former Union Minister Yashwant Singh, arrested on February 15 for locking up central government offices during office hours, was on February 16 produced before a court in Hazaribagh which remanded him to judicial custody for 12 days.

– Yashwant Sinha in judicial custody. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 2.

Mr Sinha, who was the Finance and Foreign Minister in the BJP-led NDA coalation, reviewed General Musharraf's book "In the Line of Fire" and wrote in "Kamal Sandesh", a BJP-run fortnightly, that he (President Musharraf) had come to Agra hoping to conquer India and to hustle the Prime Minister into accepting the unacceptable and had failed miserably."

– Sinha rejects Pervez claim. *Tribune.* October 17, 2006: 24.

Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col)

Prosecutor in the Tehelka court martial cases, Lt-Col Sanjay Sitanshu, on February 7 alleged interference by a senior officer, believed to be a Lieutenant-General, in diverting his posting from Kota to Agra.

– Tehelka prosecutor alleges interference by senior officer in posting. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006: 3.

A Division Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 6 directed the Central Government standing counsel to ensure all possible protection to Lt-Col Sanjay Sitanshu, persecutor in the Tehelka case who has moved the court alleging victimisation over his role in the Tehelka court martial.

– Protection to Tehelka prosecutor ordered. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 3.

The Punjab and Haryana HC on Thursday dismissed the petition filed by Lt-Col Sanjay Sitanshu, the prosecutor in the Tehelka case. Colonel Sitanshu had moved the court alleging victimisation over his role in the Tehelka court martial.

– Petition of Tehelka prosecutor dismissed. *Sunday Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 3.

Siva Prasad, K.

The CBI on January 9 booked K. Siva Prasad, a Punjab cadre IAS officer, who was on deputation with the Food Corporation of India (FCI), in a corruption case. The racket of procuring substandard rice had caused a loss of Rs 700 crore. It was informally conveyed by the FCI authorities in New Delhi to the Punjab Government recently.

– IAS officer Siva Prasad booked. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 1.

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Sobti, Ishar Singh

Even at the age of 86, Ishar Singh Sobti is an example of relentless pursuit of a passion. Though an agriculturist by profession, writing has always been his real passion. And his recent book, 'Khyaalan Da Vehaan', has not just been noticed, but has also brought him a Special Award from the Punjab Bhasha Department.

– Pen and the plough. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 16.

Sobti, R.C. (Prof)

The Vice-president of India and Chancellor of Panjab University Bhairon Singh Shekhawat on July 20 approved the name of Prof R.C. Sobti to be the next Vice-Chancellor of the Panjab University. A communication to this effect was received at the PU VC office in Chandigarh on July 20 evening. The senior-most professor of biotechnology in the region, 58-year-old Prof Sobti, who began his career as a zoologist, has been responsible for the establishment of the Department of Biotechnology at the university which he has headed for many years. He is a member of the PU syndicate from the medical faculty and also Director of the Academic Staff College.

– R.C. Sobti to be new VC of Panjab University. *Tribune.* July 21, 2006:1.

Prof R.C. Sobti, a renowned biotechnologist of the region, has taken over as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University replacing Prof K.N. Pathak, who remained the VC for six years. As a Panjab University syndic and senator, Prof Sobti has been advocating more coordination among University departments, colleges and institutes running similar courses to synergise efforts for the evolution of disciplines. Prof Sobti has a three-decade association with the University, first as a student and then as a faculty member, joining as a teaching assistant in the Department of Zoology to establishing the Department of Biotechnology in 1989.

– Research projects by youth to get special grants: Sobti. *Tribune.* July 29, 2006: 13.

Soch, Narinder Singh (Dr)

A veteran father figure of Punjabi literature, Dr Narinder Singh Soch (100), and father of former Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Dr H.S. Soch, passed away this evening. With over 100 books to his credit, including Punjabi poetry and prose besides numerous translations of famous literary works, Dr Soch was a literary stalwart in his own right. He was given the Shriomani Sahitkar Award for his path-breaking literary work in Punjabi prose and poetry. He leaves behind two sons.

– Dr Soch passes away. *Tribune.* May 17, 2006: 5.

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Sodhi, P.S.

Notwithstanding its tall claim on transparency and eradication of corruption, the Capt Amarinder Singh Government has been actually shielding an officer of doubtful integrity, even keeping him posted on a highly lucrative post. Not only this, the officer managed to stage a comeback to the same post just a few year after he was shifted out following an inquiry into his actions. The officer in question in Mr P.S. Sodhi, Land Acquisition Collector (LAC), PUDA, Mohali.

- Punjab persists with controversial officer as LAC. *Tribune.* April 03, 2006: 1.

It seems that not only did P.S. Sodhi, Land Acquisition Collector (LAC), PUDA, Mohali, treats common people with utter disdain but he is also accused of adopting a similar attitude when it comes to the courts also. His actions, or lack of actions on High Court orders, are subject matter of a contempt of court petition in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

- LAC Sodhi facing contempt proceedings also. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006:5.

The Advocate-General, Punjab, Mr Rajinder Singh Cheema, on April 5 informed the Punjab and Haryana High Court that controversial Land Acquisition Collector (LAC), PUDA, Mohali, PS.. Sodhi, has "been removed from his post".

- Sodhi removed as LAC, AG tells HC. *Tribune.* April 06, 2006: 5.

Sodhi Ram

The Panjab University Syndicate on May 27 unanimously authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take disciplinary action against the Controller of Examination, Mr Sodhi Ram, and the Assistant Registrar (Conduct), Mr S.K,. Sharma, for negligence of duty due to which the CET examination conducted by the University had to be cancelled.

- Syndicate nod to action against Sodhi Ram. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 6.

Sogi, Bachan Singh

Canada has decided to deport Babbar Khalsa International terrorist Bachan Singh Sogi, accused of plotting to assassinate former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, his son Sukhbir Badal and former State DGP K.P.S. Gill.

- Canada to deport Babbar Khalsa militant. *Tribune.* July 04, 2006: 12.

Canada has confirmed the deportation to India of suspected Babar Khalsa terrorist Bachan Singh Sogi.

- Canada confirms deportation of Sogi. *Tribune.* July 10, 2006: 14.

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Somal, Kit (Umar)

He has done every Indian proud. After all having a Punjabi name inscribed onto the Hewlett Packard (HP) certified professional hall of fame as its inaugural member is no ordinary task. Previously ranked among the world's too "much sought after system architect specialising in HP SAN (storage area network) Solutions", Kit (Umar) Somal has helped information technology companies boost performance at a reduced cost using SAN scripting and SQL.

– From Ludhiana to HP Hall of Fame. *Tribune.* November 23, 2006: 4.

Soni, Ambika

The retention of AICC general secretary, Mrs Ambika Soni, as in charge of Himachal, has come as a major setback to the anti-Virbhadra camp.

– Ambika Soni's retention blow to anti-CM camp. *Tribune.* January 09, 2006: 13.

Renuka Chaudhary, who was engaged in a prolonged battle with her Ministry's bureaucracy, was divested of the tourism portfolio, which has now gone to Ambika Soni, a close aide of Congress President Sonia Gandhi. This is her first stint as a Minister though Mrs. Soni has held several senior positions in the party.

– Soni, Soz, Deora join Union Cabinet. *Tribune.* January 30, 2006: 1.

Sood, D.D.

Mr D.D. Sood, a senior advocate, Mr V.K. Ahuja, District and Sessions Judge, and Mr S.S. Thakur, Secretary (Law), were sworn in as Judges of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in Shimla on November 27.

– 3 sworn in as HC judges. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 9.

Sood, K.C. (Justice)

Mr Justice K.C. Sood of the Himachal High Court on April 10 retired. He was given a farewell at a function organised on the High Court premises where the Chief Justice, Mr V.K. Gupta, Mr Justice Durjeet Singh, Mr Justice Deepak Gupta and members of the Bar were also present.

– HP High Court Judge K.C. Sood retires. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 8.

Sood, Suman

An Indian doctor, the first to be convicted of performing an illegal abortion in New South Wales in 25 years, has withdrawn her name from the Register of Medical Practitioners in the Australian State. The withdrawal, effective from August 31, means that Suman Sood, 56, can no longer practice as a

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doctor in the country's most populous state, a news channel reported on August 31.

– Convicted Indian doctor withdraws from practice. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006: 11.

Sopori, Bhajan (Pandit)

Renowned Santoor maestro, Pandit Bhajan Sopori, has been honoured with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award - 'Sangeet Vibhuti' for his contribution to the world of music. The award was given away at a function organised in Jaipur last week. Born in a family of musicians, he is the bearer of the rich musical legacy of the fabled "Sufiana Gharana" of Kashmir. The Santoor virtuoso and music composer has been a pioneer in making Santoor popular on the national and international platforms.

– Sangeet Vibhuti award for Sopori. *Tribune.* November 23, 2006: 15.

Sorabjee, Soli J.

Former Attorney-General Soli J. Sorabjee in his report submitted to the Supreme Court on the alleged missuse of governor's power of pardon by state governments, on August 30 stated that the sentence awarded to an accused by the court of law could be remitted only in a situation where certain mistake in the judgement were detected or the punishment given was harsh.

– Sorabjee gives report on power of pardon. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 15.

The struggle to make relationship of gays legal is likely to gain momentum as noted author Vikram Seth, Nobel laureate Amrtya Sen and legal luminary Soli Sorabjee have written an open letter to the government on the issue.

– Vikram Seth, Amartya Sen join fight for gays' rights. *Sunday Tribune.* September 17, 2006: 2.

Soren, Shibu

Embarrassed yet again over Union Minister Shibhu Soren's conviction by a Delhi court in connection with the 1996 murder of his secretary Shashi Nath Jha, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has asked for his resignation even as the Opposition attacked the Congress-led UPA Government for criminalisation of politics.

– PM tells Soren to go. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 1.

The condition of former Union Coal Minister Shibu Soren who was admitted to the AIIMS on November 28 evening, is reported to be stable. The 64-year-old JMM chief was admitted to the Coronary Care Unit of the Cardiology Department after he complained of chest pain and weakness.

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– He is stable. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 1.

A court in the Capital on December sentenced JMM leader and former Union Minister Shibu Soren to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh upon him for his role in the murder of his private secretary Shashinath Jha way back in 1994.

– Soren gets life term. *Tribune.* December 06, 2006: 1.

Soundarajan, Santhi

Indian women athletes picked two silver and a bronze medal at the Asian Games in Doha on December 9 with the help of athletes Soma Biswas and J.J. Shobha finishing second and third respectively, and half-miler Santhi Soundarajan ending up second.

– Soma, Shobha, Santhi. *Sunday Tribune.* December 10, 2006: 22.

Doha Asian Games silver medallist middle distance runner India's Santhi Soundarajan has failed a gender test and is set to be stripped of her medal, said Dr Manmohan Singh, chairman of the IOS's medical commission.

– Santhi fails gender test. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 1.

Despite failing the gender test at the Asian Games in Doha and the Olympic Association of Asia (OCA) deciding to withdraw the silver medal won by Santhi Soundarajan, the Tamil Nadu Government on December 18 felicitated her with a prize money of Rs 15 lakh. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, at a function in Chennai on December 18, awarded a television set and the prize money to Santhi.

– Gender bender: TN honours Santhi. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 1.

The father of S. Santhi, the athlete who has been stripped of her Doha Asian Games silver medal over a failed gender test, has said he would seek Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi's help to get it back.

– Santhi's family to seek CM's help. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 20.

Soz, Saifuddin (Prof)

The nomination of Prof Saifuddin Soz, whose one vote against the motion of confidence toppled the Vajpayee Government in 1999, in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) has come as a setback to the Ghulam Nabi Azad camp.

– Soz nomination a setback to Azad camp. *Sunday Tribune.* January 08, 2006: 6.

Union Minister for Water Resources Prof Saifuddin Soz wants to improve the per capita water availability in the country by involving the people in

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conservation efforts. A former minister for Environment and Forests, he has served on several parliamentary committees and led delegations to international conferences. He voted against the National Conference whip on the trust motion of the Vajpayee Government in 1999 and joined the Congress some time later. An educationist-turned-politician, Mr Soz 69, has been a member of both Houses of Parliament. He was involved with back channel efforts in strengthening the dialogue process with the separatists in Jammu and Kahsmir. Mr Soz was inducted in the Manmohan Singh Government last month.

– SYL issue can be resolved amicably, says Soz. *Sunday Tribune.* February 26, 2006: 12.

The three-member team of ministers, which has been set up to review the rehabilitation programme in the Sardar Sarovar project areas, on April 10 met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and submitted its report. It is headed by Union Water Resources Minister, Saifuddin Soz.

– Soz submits report on Sardar Sarovar visit. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 2.

Union Water Resources Minister Saifuddin Soz will represent India at the funeral of Turkmenistan's President Saparmurat Niyazov, who passed away on December 21.

– Soz to represent India at funeral. *Sunday Tribune.* December 24, 2006:2.

Sreedharan, E.

Kurukshetra University began its golden jubilee celebrations on January 11 with honouring two illustrious sons of the country — Mr E. Sreedharan, Managing Director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, and Mr H.K.Dua, Editor-in-Chief of *The Tribune* Group of Publications. Mr Sreedharan was conferred the *honoris causa* degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc), while Mr Dua was decorated with the *honoris causa* degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Lit) at a special convocation in Kurukshetra by the Chancellor of the University, Dr A.R. Kidwai, amidst thunderous applause.

– KU honours Sreedharan, Dua. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006: 1.

Credited with changing the face of the public transport in the Capital, Delhi Metropolitan Rail Corporation (DMRC) chief E. Sreedharan has been selected to be among the "top 25 newsmakers of 2005" by the Engineering News-Record, a US-based publication focusing on the construction industry.

– DMRC chief among world's top newsmakers. *Tribune.* January 12, 2006:2.

Dr E. Sreedharan has been awarded the 'Zee Business Pinnacle Lifetime

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Achievement Award' for his contributions to growth and development of the transportation system in the Capital.

– Delhi Metro chief awarded. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 16.

Sreesanth, Shantakumaran

The mind of a national selector is surely difficult to understand. But the selectors have been whimsical in the past and on September 3 they acted in their own inexplicable way. Otherwise, how can they explain the exclusion of Kerala's S. Sreesanth from the squad for the Champions Trophy, scheduled to be held in India next month, and the decision to include Uttar Pradesh's Rudra Pratap Singh in his place? Even if the last tour of India to the West Indies is taken as the performance yardstick (no games could be played in the tournament in Sri Lanka due to incessant rain) then the Kerala paceman was miles better than his Uttar Pradesh counterpart.

– Sreesanths exclusion defies logic. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 18.

Hoping that Sreesanth, who has been droped for the ICC Champions Trophy, would stage a comeback and emerge stronger, coach Greg Chappell asked the Kerala speedster to convert the setback into an opportunity.

– 'Sreesanth will emerge stronger'. *Tribune.* September 05, 2006: 18.

The man of the match in India's win over South Africa in Johannesburg Test, Shantakumaran Sreesanth has been fined 30 per cent of his match fee for breaching two ICC Code of Conduct in the match. Sreesanth was found guilty of two Level 1 offences at a hearing conducted by Elite Panel ICC match referee Roshan Mahanama, following the conclusion of the match on Monday.

– Sreesanth fined. *Tribune.* December 20, 2006: 20.

Sri Sri Ravishankar

Art of Living founder, Sri Sri Ravishankar was on August 24 honoured with Mongolia's highest civilian award for his contribution to Indo-Mongolian friendship through his foundation. Mongolia's President N. Enkhabayar bestowed the "Pole Star" upon the Guru at Soyombo hall in the President's office this afternoon.

– Mongolian award for Sri Sri Ravishankar. *Tribune.* August 26, 2006: 11.

Sridevi

Bollywood actress Sridevi releases a gold coin at a press conference of the Karnataka Gold Festival in Bangalore on April 6. The World Gold Council and the Art of Jewellery is organising the 40-day-long gold festival from April 10.

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– *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 17.

A man from Chennai on November 10 approached the Supreme Court claiming himself to be the husband of noted Bollywood actress Sridevi and sought a direction for the restoration of his conjugal rights. But a Bench of Mr Justice B.N. Agrawal and Mr Justice P.P. Naolekar threw away a special leave petition (SLP) of Vicharapu Ramakrishna Gowd and upheld the Madras High Court order imposing a fine of Rs one lakh on him for filing such a frivolous suit.

– Claim on Sridevi costs man Rs 1 lakh. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006:2.

Sridhar, Anup

Anup Sridhar's dream run at the Singapore Open badminton championship came to an end after he lost to second seed Kenneth Jonassen of Denmark in straight games in the quarterfinals.

– Sridhar bows out. *Tribune.* June 10, 2006: 23.

Srihari

Telugu actor Srihari joined the Congress in the presence of Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy at his camp office in Hyderabad on November 12. Accompanied by the State's Cultural Council chairman, Dharmavarapu Subramaniam, Srihari met the Chief Minister and joined the Party.

– Telugu actor joins Cong. *Tribune.* November 13, 2006: 2.

Srikrishna, B.N. (Justice)

The Centre on September 2 appointed former SC judge Justice B.N. Srikrishna as chairperson of the Sixth Pay Commission that will go into the revision of wages for 33 lakh Central Government employees.

– Former SC judge to head 6th Pay Commission. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 2.

The Government on October 5 announced the constitution of a four-member Sixth Central Pay Commission thus paving the way for the revision of salaries of over 33 lakh central government employees, and raising hope among public sector and state government employees for revision of salaries at a later stage. The Commission headed by Justice B.N. Srikrishna will submit its report within 18 months, according to a notification issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, in New Delhi on October 5.

– Sixth Pay Commission set up. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 1.

Srinath, Javagal

Former Indian fast bowler Javagal Srinath has been named in the three-

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member Bowling Action Advisory Panel (BAAP) to identify bowlers with potentially flawed actions at the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup underway in Colombo.

– Srinath on panel. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 18.

Former India speedster Javagal Srinath is all set for a new innings with the International Cricket Council on April 24 appointing him as a match referee.

– Srinath appointed as match referee. *Tribune.* April 25, 2006: 19.

Javagal Srinath will finally be seen in the match referee's role when he takes charge of the Sri Lanka-South Africa Test Series later this month. According to an ICC release in Dubai on July 18, the former Indian spearhead will officiate in both matches of the two-Test series, at the Sinhalese Sports Club starting on July 27 and at the P Saravanamuttu Stadium beginning on August 4.

– Srinath to officiate Lanka-SA series. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 18.

Former Indian pace spearhead Javagal Srinath was on November 20 named match referee for Sri Lanka's tour of New Zealand beginning next month. Sri Lanka will play two Tests and five ODIs.

– Javagal Srinath. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 18.

Srinivasan, M.S.

Mr M.S. Srinivasan, an IAS of 1971 batch, Tamil Nadu cadre, has taken over the charge of new Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. He has been Special Secretary in the Ministry since June 2005, and prior to that worked as Additional Secretary in the Ministry since November 2002.

– Srinivasan new Petroleum Secy. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 2.

Srivastava, Babloo

The efforts of Babloo Srivastava, one time point man of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim, to come out of the jail and claim compensation from Government for cases falling flat against him, failed on June 13 as the Supreme Court dismissed his plea.

– Babloo's plea rejected. *Tribune.* June 14, 2006: 2.

Srivastava, G.M.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has written to the Director-General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to comment on the action taken on a Sub Inspector's complaint of sexual harassment against a former Inspector-General of Police. The accused, G.M. Srivastava, is presently the Director-General of Police in Tripura.

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– NCW seeks action against DGP. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 15.

Srivastava, Parmanand (Prof)

The K.K. Birla Foundation has selected "Kavita Ka Arthaat", a book on criticism by Prof Parmanand Srivastava, for the Vyas Samman 2006. The award, which carries a cash prize of Rs 2.50 lakh, is given annually for outstanding literary work in Hindi by an Indian national. Prof Srivastava is the 16th writer to get the honour ever since the award was instituted. The selection of the literary work has been made by a committee, presided over by Prof Prakash Mishra, an eminent litterateur and Head of the Hindi Department, Allahabad University.

– Vyas Samman for Prof Srivastava. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006: 8.

Srivastava, Sanajana

A model-actress was injured when she was shot at by an unidentified person near her residence at MHADA Colony at Andheri on March 10 night, the police on March 11 said. Sanajana Srivastava, a television actress and model, sustained serious head injuries and has been admitted to Arogya Nidhi Hospital in Jhu, where she is said to be in coma.

– Actress-model shot at. *Sunday Tribune.* March 12, 2006: 24.

Subba Rao, S.N.

Dr Rani Abhay Bang of the "Search" organisation, based in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra, and Dr S.N. Subba Rao, who is the Director of the of the National Youth Project, are among the winners of the prestigious Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation Awards to be given away on November 6.

– Jamnalal Bajaj award for Dr Rani, Subba Rao, *Tribune.* October 05, 2006: 15.

Subbu, B.V.R.

Mr B.V.R. Subbu, President of South Korean auto major Hyundai in India, on March 24 announced his exit from the Company, days before his contract was to come up for renewal, ending a nearly decade-long stint that saw the company emerge as the country's second-biggest carmaker.

– Subbu bids adieu to Hyundai. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 21.

Subburaman, K.

Mr K.Subburaman has taken charge as the Executive Director of Central Bank of India on February 2. A press release issued by the Bank in Mumbai said. Mr Subburaman's last posting was in the Bank of India as General Manager in charge of corporate plan and strategy.

– Central Bank ED. *Tribune.* February 04, 2006: 21.

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Subodh Kumar

Prof Subodh Kumar of the Department of Chemistry of Guru Nanak Dev University has been appointed Council Member of the National Organic Symposium Trust (NOST) for four years from 2007. The NOST is one of the richest trusts in India working for the promotion of Organic Chemistry. Prof Kumar is the second teacher after Prof Harjit Singh to get this honour.

– Prof becomes trust member. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 12.

Subramaniam, Swamy

The Delhi High Court on January 3 imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on Janata Party President and former Union Minister, Subramaniam Swamy for levelling charges against Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa that she knew about the plan of the LTTE to assassinate former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at Sriperumbudur in May 1991.

– Swamy fined for charge against Jaya. *Tribune.* January 04, 2006: 13.

Sud, N.K. (Justice)

Former Punjab and Haryana HC Judge, Justice H.K. Sud, who resigned on January 14, will take oath as the new Lokayukta of Haryana on January 16 morning. He will be administered the oath of office by the Governor, Haryana, Dr A.R. Kidwai, at a ceremony at the Haryana Raj Bhavan.

– Lokayukta to take oath today. *Tribune.* January 16, 2006: 7.

Justice N.K. Sud, who was on January 16 administered the oath of office as the new Lokayukta of Haryana, asserted that there would be no witch-hunt with regard to the conduct of investigations into the complaints that came before him.

– Justice Sud to be impartial. *Tribune.* January 17, 2006: 7.

Sudarshan

Three Naxalites, including a top Maoist leader, were killed in an encounter with the police in Anantapur district on October 6. A wanted Naxalite, Sudarshan, who carried a reward of Rs. three lakh on his head, was among those killed.

– Maoist leader dies in encounter. *Tribune.* October 07, 2006: 24.

Sudarshan, K.S.

The Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief, Mr K.S. Sudarshan, on December 21 asserted that the Sangh's doors were always open for Muslims. "However, they must be willing to call themselves Hindu which has little to do with the religion. Rather, it is a way of life and relates to our country," he said.

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– RSS doors open to Muslims: Sudarshan. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006:3.

Sudhir Mohan

Mr Sudhir Mohan, an IPS officer, has been posted as Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Haryana, against a vacant post.

– Sudhir Mohan. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 7.

Sujlana, R.S. (Maj-Gen)

Maj-Gen R.S. Sujlana took over as the Colonel of the Sikh Regiment from Lieut-Gen Devraj Singh, DG infrantry, who retires from service tomorrow. Born in 1951 at Ambala, General R.S. Sujlana did his schooling from Punjab Public School, Nabha. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, he has done Master's in Defence Studies from Madras University. He is a third-generation Army Officer. Continuing a family tradition, the officer commanded the same Infantry Battalion as his father. He was commissioned in 9th Battalion of the Sikh Regiment in June, 1971, and, as a young officer took active part in the 1971 War. He has had five tenures in active counter-insurgency operations both in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-East. He has also done prestigious Army courses at the Infantry School, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Army War College, Mhow and National Defence College, New Delhi. He was decorated with the Vishishth Seva Medal on Republic Day in 2002 for his role during Operation Prakram.

– Maj-Gen Sujlana new Colonel of Sikh Regiment. *Tribune.* November 30, 2006: 15.

Sukh Ram

A petition of former Communications Minister, Sukh Ram challenging the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) order upholding the tax authorities assessment of more tax liabilities against him for a period between 1987 and 1997 has been rejected by the Delhi High Court.

– Sukh Ram's appeal rejected. *Tribune.* June 07, 2006: 2.

Sukhi, Sukhwinder Kaur

Sukhwinder Kaur Sukhi, the mountaineer who hogged the limelight by refusing to descend from Mount Everest after inclement weather came in the way of her dream of making it to the summit last year, may leave for Switzerland or Austria soon for a training course in mountaineering before making another attempt to scale the world's highest peak.

– Sukhi offered mountaineering training in Europe. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 4.

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Sukhi, Sukhwinder Singh

Officially admitting to the "operational secret" of using militants to counter other militants, the Director-General of Punjab Police, Mr S.S. Virk, on February 19 admitted to the existence of Sukhwinder Singh Sukhi, a former militant, who was earlier declared dead in an encounter with the police.

– DGP fears threat to Sukhi's life. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 1.

In his bid to clarify confusion around him and the Punjab DGP, Mr S.S. Virk, former Militant Sukhwinder Singh, alias Harjit Singh Kahlon, on February 19 revealed that his services were "utilized" by the police and he was declared dead by the Punjab Police in 1992 "in order to ensure his safety".

– Sukhbir trying to rake up controversy, says Sukhi. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 5.

The Pradesh Congress Committee president, Mr Shamsher Singh Dullo, on February 22 joined the opposition chorus of criticising the Director-General of Police, Punjab, Mr SS Virk, for admitting that the police was providing protection to a former terrorist, Sukhwinder Singh Sukhi along with 300 others. He demanded that cases against all these terrorists must be reopened for trial in the court of law.

– Dullo flays DGP on Sukhi issue. *Tribune.* February 23, 2006: 5.

Sukhmohinder Singh

As reported by *The Tribune* on October 23 last, Mr Sukhmohinder, who is facing trial in a criminal case, retired on September 30, 2004 on attaining the age of superanuation. However, in a highly questionable move, about 25 days later, the then Principal Secretary, Home, Punjab, Mr A.K. Dubey, issued an order, allowing Mr Sukhmohinder to "continue" in service for one more year.

– Promotion to chargesheeted cop: SC quashes HC order. *Tribune.* March 15, 2006: 4.

Sukhvinder Singh

Mr Sukhvinder Singh, Principal, GAV Public School, has been selected for this year's 'International Gold Star Millennium Award' for his contribution in strengthening the India-Nepal cooperation in the field of education. The award constituted by the 'Citizens Integration Peace Society (CIPS) would be conferred on him at a conference on 'India-Nepal Friendship and Economic Cooperation' in Kathmandu on February 7.

– CIPS award for GAV Principal. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 15.

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Sule, Supriya

Ms Supriya Sule, daughter of Nationalist Congress Party chief and Union Agriculture Minister, Sharad Pawar, was on September 11 elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha.

– Pawar's daughter elected to RS. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006: 2.

Sultanpuri, K.D.

Mr Krishan Dutt Sultanpuri, a veteran Congress leader who represented the Shimla Lok Sabha seat six times, died of a heart attack at Dharampur, about 60 km from Shimla, on June 11. He was 80. He is survived by his wife, two sons and four daughters. He suffered a massive heart attack while he was on the way to the house of a party worker. Mr Sultanpuri was first elected to the Vidhan Sabha from the Solan constituency as an Independent in 1972. He joined the Congress subsequently and got elected to the Lok Sabha from the Shimla (Reserved) constituency in 1980. He set a record of winning the same seat six times in a row.

– K.D. Sultanpuri dead. *Tribune.* June 12, 2006: 8.

Mr K.D. Sultanpuri, Chairman 20-Point Programme and former MP, was cremated at his native place, Sultanpur, on June 12.

– Sultanpuri cremated. *Tribune.* June 13, 2006: 9.

Sumitra Singh

In a jolt to the Congress ahead of next year's Assembly poll in Punjab, a daughter of former Haryana Chief Minister Bansi Lal and State General Secretary, Sumitra Singh has joined the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). Ms Sumitra joined Mr Sharad Pawar-led party at its national convention held in Dehra Dun.

– Bansi Lal's daughter joins NCP. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 15.

Summanwar, Deepak H. (Lt-Gen)

In a suprise move, the Director-General of Military intelligence, Lt-Gen Deepak H. Summanwar, has been sent on "compulsory long leave" by the Army Headquarters, it has been reliably learnt. The action was taken in view of Lt-Gen Summanwar having "misused defence equipment and manpower" for a private project involving his wife and kin.

– Gen sent on 'forced leave'. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 1.

There may be more than what meets the eye in the case pertaining to the removal of Lt Gen Deepak Summanwar from the post of Director-General Military Intelligence (DGMI) last month. It has now come to light that a

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highly confidential report forwarded to the Defence Ministry by intelligence agencies under the Ministry of Home Affairs had accused General Summanwar of "improper" contact with foreign nationals, it is learnt.

– Gen had "improper" links with foreign nationals. *Tribune.* September 02, 2006: 1.

Sunil Kumar

Promising pugilist Sunil assured himself of a medal by trouncing his fancied opponent Allaberagenov Abdulla of Uzbekistan to storm into the semifinal of the 50 kg class at the World Cadet Boxing Championships being held in Istanbul, Turkey.

– Pugilist Sunil ensures medal. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 20.

Sunil Kumar asserted his supremacy by winning the second gold medal ever for the country at the World Cadet Boxing Championships in Istanbul, Turkey. Sunil upset Agayev Ilkin of Azerbaijan, the bronze medal winner of European Championships held in June, by 'Reference Stops Contest (Out Scored)' in the final of the 50 kg class in the tournament that concluded on August 13.

– Sunil wins gold in world boxing meet. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006: 23.

Suraj Bhan

Mr Suraj Bhan, senior BJP leader and Chairman of the National Commission for SC/STs, died at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi on August 6 evening following a cardiac arrest. Mr Bhan, who had been admitted to AIIMS three days ago, died at 5 p.m. Mr Bhan, who was in his late 70s, leaves behind his wife and three sons. Mr Bhan was Union Minister for Agriculture in 1998 in the NDA Government at the Centre under the Prime Ministership of Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He also served as UP Governor in 1999 and as Himachal Governor in 2003.

– Suraj Bhan dead. *Tribune.* August 07, 2006: 1.

Surat Singh, Puranji

'War of succession' has started following the death of Bhai Ram Singh Dhillon, Jathedar of the Akhand Kiratani Jatha (AKJ), who died in sleep at his residence in Amritsar on March 2. He died a day after his 90th birthday. He was born on March 1, 1916, in Indonesia. While an 11-member committee announced Giani Surat Singh Puranji the new Jathedar soon after the cremation of Bhai Ram Singh, Giani Baldev Singh claimed that he was the "real Jathedar" of the jatha.

– Surat Singh Puranji is new Akhand Kiratani Jatha head. *Tribune.* March

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03, 2006: 5.

Suresh Kumar

International hockey umpire, Suresh Kumar of Punjab and Sind Bank, has been appointed an umpire for the 15th Azlan Shah Hockey Tournament to be played at Kuala Lumpur from June 18 to 25. Earlier, he officiated in four-nation tournaments in Germany and Pakistan in 2003 and 2005, respectively.

– *Sunday Tribune.* June 11, 2006: 23.

Suri, Lalit

Leading hotelier and Rajya Sabha member, Lalit Suri died in London on October 10 early morning following a massive heart attack. Sixty-year-old Suri, Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Hotel group, is survived by his wife Jyotsna and three sons and a daughter.

– Hotelier Lalit Suri dead. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006: 11.

Surinder Arjun

In a major setback to the Congress, Mr Surinder Arjun, president, Durgiana Management Committee (DMC), in Amritsar on January 9, resigned from the post of Secretary, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (intellectuals cell) in protest against the 'non-cooperation' of his Party in temple affairs.

– Durgiana Temple panel chief quits PPCC post. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 4.

The new Durgiana Managing Committee (DMC) has lodged a complaint against Mr Surinder Arjun, former chief, for embezzling Rs 3.33 lakh received as grant for the Sanskrit College.

– Durgiana panel alleges embezzlement by ex-chief. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 5.

Mr S.S. Srivastav, district police chief, has marked an inquiry into the alleged embezzlement of funds by Mr Surinder Arjun, deposed president of the Durgiana Management Committee.

– Embezzlement of Durgiana funds: probe ordered. *Tribune.* May 05, 2006:8.

Mr Surinder Arjun, former president of the DMC, alleged that as he accompanied a process server of the court to serve summons to the office-bearers at Durgiana Temple, the office-bearers used abusive language, manhandled him and threatened to eliminate him if he dared to enter the shrine complex in future.

– Durgiana panel former chief 'manhandled'. *Tribune.* June 13, 2006: 5.

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Mr Surinder Arjun, in telegrams to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and the Human Rights Organisation has urged to save his life from the present office-bearers of the Committee.

– Durgiana panel ex-chief seeks protection. *Tribune.* June 14, 2006: 4.

Mr Surinder Arjun, has announced to contest against Prof Darbari Lal, Deputy Speaker, Punjab from the holy city in the coming election.

– Surinder Arjun to take on Darbari Lal. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 5.

Surinder Kaur

The prestigious national honour of Padma Shri was conferred on the living legend, Punjabi folksinger, Surinder Kaur. Already a recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademy award in 1982 and the 'Millennium Punjabi Singer award, Surinder Kaur expressed gratitude to her admirers for their love and blessings which have been her inspiration. She sings even at the age of 76.

– Surinder Kaur gets Padma Shri. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 3.

Down with what medical experts have diagnosed as "Lupus", the legendary singer, Surinder Kaur is presently in coma in the ICU of a top medical institute in New Jersey, US. She has been unconscious for more than 10 days, unable to nurse herself back to health.

– Nightingale of Punjab battles for life. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 3.

Surinder Kaur died at a hospital in New Jersey, USA, where she had been admitted on May 3, following a series of medical break-downs, which resulted in serious complications. She had been in coma for most part of her hospitalisation in the USA.

– Punjab's Nightingale is no more. *Tribune.* June 16, 2006: 1.

Surinder Pal

Mr Surinder Pal has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in the Irrigation Department, Punjab. On promotion, he has been posted as Managing Director of the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation. He has taken charge of his new assignment.

– Surinder Pal. *Tribune.* March 04, 2006: 4.

Surkumar Singh

Mahindra United defender Surkumar Singh was named 'Player of the Year' for 2006 on December 20 by the All-India Football Federation. Surkumar was selected for the honour following his impressive performances for the country as well as Mahindras throughout the year.

– Surkumar is AIFF Player of the year. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 19.

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Suryanarayanan, K.

Indian strategic interests received another setback in Afghanistan when a resurgent Taliban in an increasingly lawless country kidnapped yet another Indian and threatened to kill him by 6 pm April 30, if all Indians did not leave Afghanistan till then.

– Taliban abduct Indian engineer in Afghanistan. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 1.

A pall of gloom descended on the Malkajgiri residence in Hyderabad of K. Suryanarayanan, who was kidnapped by the Taliban in Afghanistan, on April 29.

– Family pleads for mercy. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 1.

The family of K. Suryanarayan has been numbed by the news of his killing. His shocked wife Manjula fainted on hearing about her husband's death.

– Wife collapses, family in shock. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006: 1.

The black visage of the Taliban was waved to Indian again on April 30 as the terrorist outfit jumped their own deadline and killed their captive K. Suryanarayan, the second Indian worker to be killed in Afghanistan in less than six months.

– Taliban behead Indian engineer before deadline. *Tribune.* May 01, 2006:1.

In a surprising development in the killing incident of Indian engineer K. Suryanarayan in Afghanistan last month, a Taliban commander has claimed that the Hyderabad-based engineer was killed on the direction of Pakistan. Zabul province Commander of Taliban revealed this in an interview to a private Afghan television, Tolo TV.

– Indian engineer killed on Pakistan's order: Taliban. *Tribune.* May 15, 2006: 1.

Sushil Kumar (Admiral)

In a major development in the Defence deal cases, the CBI has registered an FIR against former Defence Minister George Fernandes, his associate and former President of Samata Party, Jaya Jaitley and former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar, for alleged irregularities in the Barak Missile System deal worth Rs 1150 crore with an Israeli firm.

– FIR against Fernandes, Jaya, ex-Navy chief. *Tribune.* October 11, 2006:1.

Sushil Kumar

Sushil Kumar won the bronze medal in the men's 66kg freestyle wrestling competition at the Asian Games in Doha on December 14.

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– Sushil wins wrestling bronze. *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 21.

Swami, Amit

Hindi translation of Ben Weider's book "Napoleon — The Man Who Shaped Europe" by president of the Youngmen's Association of India, Amit Swami has been appreciated by several top dignitaries of India and France. Ben Weider is the president of the International Napolenic Society (INS), while Amit Swami is also a fellow of the INS.

– Translator of book on Napoleon wins praise. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006:7.

The prestigious gold medal award of the International Federation of Body-Building (IFBB) has been bestowed upon noted International body-building promoter and president of the Youngmen's Association of India, Mr Amit Swami (31) in recognition of his invaluable contribution towards the promotion of body-building sport in India as well as several other countries of the Asian continent.

– IFBB award. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 4.

Swaminathan, M.S. (Prof)

The heartland of Green Revolution, Punjab, Haryana, and Western UP, is in grave trouble with stagnant productivity, depleting water tables, increasing input costs and increasing farmers' debt, said the man behind India's Green Revolution and Head of National Commission on Farmers, Professor M.S. Swaminathan.

– Heartland of Green Revolution in trouble: Swaminathan. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 16.

Swamy, R.K. (Maj-Gen)

Maj Gen R.K. Swamy will be the new Commandant of the Officers Training Academy (OTA). He will assume charge on October 26. He will be taking over the post from Brig William Isaaks, who is officiating as Commandant since the past three months. An alumnus of the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Major-General Swamy was commissioned into the Mahar Regiment (Infantry) in November 1971.

– Maj Gen Swamy OTA Commandant. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 15.

Swaraj, Sushma

"The Justice U.C. Banerjee Committee report is rubbish. It only adds insult to injury. The Godhra train fire was not an accident, the report is an accident. It is like the Jessica Lall case, saying that no one killed her," stated Sushma Swaraj, MP and former Union Minister, in Chandigarh on March 4.

– Sushma rubbishes UC Banerjee panel report. *Sunday Tribune.* March

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05, 2006: 3.

Senior BJP leaders, Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley, were among 27 newly-elected Rajya Sabha members from 11 States who took oath as members on April 14.

– Shinde, Sushma take oath as RS members. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 20.

Swraj Paul, Lord

Leading NRI entrepreneur Lord Swraj Paul has been voted as one of the top three most influential people in manufacturing in the UK in 2006. According to a readers' survey conducted by 'The Manufacturer', a leading monthly magazine, Lord Paul, Chairman of the $1.5 billion Caparo Group, came next only to Dawn Gibbins, Managing Director, Flowcrete, a world leader in specialist flooring technology, and Sir Richard Branson, Chief Executive of Virgin Group.

– Lord Paul among influential UK entrepreneurs. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 19.

In a rare distinction, the House of Commons has congratulated NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul on his appointment as the first Chancellor of the prestigious University of Westminster. The motion read "that this House congratulates Lord Paul of Marylebone on his appointment as Chancellor of Westminster University; notes that this is his second Chancellorship of a University; further notes his achievements in other fields, including receiving the Padma Bhushan Award and the Bharat Gaurav Award from the Indian Merchant's Chamber; and wishes him well in his tenure as Chairman of the London 2012 Olympic Delivery Committee."

– Lord Paul honoured by House of Commons. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006:11.

NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul has instituted three scholarships in memory of his daughter Ambika at his alma mater in Lahore, Forman Christian College.

– Scholarships for Pak students. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 13.

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Tahiliani, R.H. (Admiral-Retd.)

Former Admiral R.H. Tahiliani, along with two other petitioners, has moved the Supreme Court seeking a CBI probe or an inquiry by a special investigation group (SIG) in the Scorpene submarine deal with a French company. It has been alleged that the telephonic and SMS records "incriminatingly" indicated that at least three middlemen were involved in the deal.

– Ex-Admiral moves SC on Scorpene deal. *Tribune.* March 31, 2006: 2.

The Supreme Court on September 20 stayed the arrest warrants against former Naval Chief R.H. Tahiliani, the head of the India chapter of Transparancy International, and Bhaskar Rao, Director of Centre for Media Studies, issued by a magistrate in Jammu and Kashmir in a criminal defamation case taking cognizance by him *suo motu.*

– SC stays warrants against former Admiral. *Tribune.* September 21, 2006:20.

Talukdar, Jayant

Jayant Talukdar of Jharkhand was leading with 989 points in the men's recurve events on the first day of competition of the National Ranking Archery Circuit Tournament at Guru Nanak Stadium in Amritsar on April 29.

– Jayant leads in archery meet. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 22.

Archery Association of India president Vijay Kumar Malhotra on May 14 congratulated Jayant Talukdar for winning the gold in the World Individual Olympic Event Recurve Archery Championship and the women's team for annexing the silver medal in the compound category in the FITA Meteksan Archery World Cup at Porec, Croatia on May 13.

– Talukdar hits gold. *Tribune.* May 15, 2006: 18.

Jayant Talukdar got instant reward for winning the recurve gold in the FITA Meteksan Archery World Cup at Proec, Croatia, last week when Archery Association of India (AAI) president Vijay Kumar Malhotra presented him a cash award of Rs one lakh at a reception at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi on May 21.

– Talukdar gets Rs 1 lakh prize money. *Tribune.* May 22, 2006: 21.

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Talwar, Arun

Mr Arun Talwar joined as director of Rajasansi International Airport in place of Mr V.S. Mulekar, its first director, who retired after putting in seven years of service on July 31.

– New airport director takes over. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006: 4.

Talwar, K.K. (Dr)

For the Director of one of the most prestigious medical institutes in the country, the honour of being the recipient of Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award in India, is just not a matter of pride but of greater responsibilities and challenges.

– Director wants to see PGI grow. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 5.

The apex decision-making body of the PGI on November 9 decided that the PGI Director, Professor K.K. Talwar, would continue as Director and Professor of Cardiology. The decision was taken in New Delhi at a meeting chaired by the Union Health Minister, Dr Anbumani Ramadoss, at Nirman Bhawan, headquarters of the Health Ministry.

– Talwar remains PGI chief. *Tribune.* November 10, 2006: 20.

Tanawade, Sadanand Shet

The police on November 14 chargesheeted BJP legislator, Sadanand Shet Tanawade and party leader Satish Dhond for allegedly forging the signatures of a state minister.

– BJP legislator chargesheeted. *Tribune.* November 16, 2006: 1.

Tanwar, Het Ram

The Himachal Academy of Art, Culture and Languages has decided to honour Mr Het Ram Tanwar, an artiste from Kunihar in folk music, and a local classical dancer, Mrs Ila Pande.

– Artistes, writers to be honoured. *Tribune.* January 02, 2006:13.

Tapishar Sher Singh

Mr Tapishar Sher Singh, a prominent Sikh lawyer of Ontario and recipient of the Order of Canada, has been suspended by the Law Society of Upper Canada for professional misconduct.

– Canadian Sikh lawyer suspended. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006: 11.

Tarlochan Singh

Without naming Akal Takht, the Chairman of National Commission for Minorities (NCM), Mr Tarlochan Singh, on February 4 said that Sikh Institutions could save huge money by resolving their disputes through "Sikh

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Court". Mr Charanjit Singh Chadha, president Chief Khalsa Diwan, Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta, a former Akali minister, and other speakers appreciated the achievements of Mr Tarlochan Singh during his tenure as Chairman of the NMC.

– Tarlochan's work lauded. *Sunday Tribune.* February 05, 2006: 4.

Mr Tarlochan Singh bowed out as the Chairman of the National Commission of Minorities (NCM) on February 8, after a three-year term. He has served as its Vice-Chairman as well, and was the first Sikh and non-Muslim to have headed the NCM. A multi-faceted personality with a wide range of interests including tourism and sports, he is currently an independent member of the Rajya Sabha from Haryana. He has been a member of the National Human Rights Commission. As an MP he is a member of the Parliamentary Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Privileges Committee of Parliament. He is Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the 2010 Commonwealth Games to be held in this country and Patron of the World Punjabi.

– Reservations for minorities will not help: Tarlochan Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* February 12, 2006: 12.

Tarsem Singh

Mr Tarsem Singh, Chairman, Dharam Parchar Committee of the DSGMC, has resigned from his post, owning responsibility of the violation, though according to him he tried his best to prevent the unsavoury situation on September 10.

– Maryada violation: DSGMC panel chief resigns. *Tribune.* September 12, 2006: 5.

Taslimuddin, Mohammed

The change of political equations in Bihar seems to have revived troubles for Union Minister Mohammed Taslimuddin of the RJD as the Nitish Kumar Government on February 7 told the Supreme Court that it had decided to go ahead with his prosecution in an attempt to murder and Arms and Explosive Act case.

– Bihar to reopen case against Taslimuddin. *Tribune.* February 08, 2006:2.

Tata, Ratan

Ratan Tata, who heads the biggest industrial conglomerate in India, on March 21 joined an elite group of global business leaders like Microsoft chief Bill Gates and BP Group CEO Lord Browns on the Board the International Business Advisory Council (IBAC), UK. Tata, who headed the Investment

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Commission in India, was taken in as a member of IBAC, a Tatasons statement said in New Delhi.

– Ratan Tata. *Tribune.* March 22, 2006: 15.

The Chairperson of the National Investment Commission, Mr Ratan Tata, on September 21 hoped that Bihar would experience new achievements in the coming months as he was convinced by the commitment of Nitish Kumar-led NDA government to revitalise the State by exploring its hidden potential.

– Nitish's hard sell impresses Ratan Tata. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006:19.

Tata group Chairman Ratan Tata has won an award for 'Responsible Capitalism' for demonstrating social responsibility as an integral part of his commercial success. He became the eighth head of an international corporation to receive the award. Princess Royal of Britain presented the award to Mr Tata in London on December 2 at a ceremony attended by over 250 dignatories.

– Ratan Tata bags award. *Tribune.* December 04, 2006: 17.

Tata Group supremo Ratan Tata on December 27 blames competitors for "fuelling" fire in the controversy over the proposed Rs 1-lakh car project at Singur in West Bengal, but resolved not to pull out of the State. ...Let me just say it is not just political, because I happen to know that some of our competitors are also fuelling some of this fire, and they would be very happy if the project got delayed," Mr Tata said in an interview to NDTV.

– Ratan Tata blames competitors for trouble. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006:1.

Tejaswini, V.

The honours in the women's 200m individual medley went to V. Tejaswini, who completed the race in 2:28.78 seconds.

– Swimmers continue to make a splash. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 18.

Tejbir Singh

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) on August 30 honoured Mr Tejbir Singh, Executive Director, Centurion Bank of Punjab, for his services to society at large, and the Sikh community in particular.

– SGPC honours Tejbir Singh. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 3.

Tejinder Singh

Weightlifters Edwin Raju and Tejinder Singh, who tested positive at the recent Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, were slapped by life bans by the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) in April 9.

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– Life ban slapped on Raju, Tejinder. *Tribune.* April 10, 2006: 18.

Tejinder Pal Singh

The appointment of Punjab Excise and Taxation Minister Sardul Singh's son, Mr Tejinder Pal Singh, as Inspector in the Punjab Police on compassionate grounds was on January 6 set aside by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

– Appointment of Punjab minister's son quashed. *Tribune.* January 07, 2006: 1.

Tejinder Pal Singh

Allrounder Tejinder Pal Singh has been rewarded for his consistent performances in domestic cricket by being named among the 30 probables for the ICC Champions Trophy.

– TP Singh's consistent show rewarded. *Tribune.* August 11, 2006: 21.

Telgi, Abdul Karim

Abdul Karim Telgi, the prime accused in the fake stamp paper scam case, has been found guilty in the first of the 40 cases filed against him. He has been sentenced to a jail term of 10 years and a fine of Rs 50,000.

– Telgi gets 10 years in fake stamp case. *Tribune.* January 18, 2006: 1.

Tendulkar, Sachin

Master Blaster Sachin Tendular on February 6 set a new world record by completing 14,000 one-day runs en route to his 39th century in the first one-dayer against Pakistan in Peshawar. Tendulkar reached the milestone in his 359th match when his score was 91.

– Sachin completes 14,000 ODI runs. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 18.

Indian maestro Sachin Tendulkar and Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq faced disciplinary measures for showing dissent against umpires' decisions.

– Sachin, Haq face disciplinary action. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 18.

Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer has joined the list of Sachin Tendular's critics, saying that the batting maestro has passed his prime and some technical flaws have crept into this batting.

– Sachin past his prime: Woolmer. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 18.

Sachin Tendulkar has dropped to his lowest Test ranking in 13 years, while England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff is closing in on the number one spot in the all-rounder's table following India's Mumbai Test drubbing this week.

– Sachin slips to lowest ranking in 13 years. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 23.

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Sachin Tendulkar on March 25 left for London to undergo a surgery on his shoulder. The master batsman, who was accompanied by his doctor wife Anjali, is expected to go under the surgeons knife on Monday.

– Tendulkar leaves for London. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 23.

The full impact of Sachin Tendular's injuries and a prolonged form slump was known on June 28 with the batting star slipping out of the top 20 in Test batsmen's rankings for the first time in 14 years.

– Sachin slips out of top 20. *Tribune.* June 29, 2006: 21.

Sachin Tendulkar's right shoulder is match-fit and he is available for selection for India's tour of Sri Lanka next month for a one-day triangular series, the cricket board said on July 18.

– Sachin cleared for Lanka tri-series. *Tribune.* July 19, 2006: 18.

Tendulkar was given out caught behind off his old nemesis Glenn McGrath after he had made only four but television replays showed clearly that the ball had deflected from the batsman's shoulder with the bat or the gloves nowhere near it. Realising his mistake, umpire Mark Benson of England recalled Tendulkar, who had started walking back dejectedly.

– Sachin called back after given out. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 22.

Sachin Tendulkar smashed a masterly 139 as India Blue inflicted a humiliating 266-run defeat on India Green in the three-team round-robin Challenger Series for the NKP Salve Trophy in Chennai on October 2 night.

– Sachin's scorcher sets up big win. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 18.

Airtel has decided to drop ace batsman Sachin Tendulkar as its brand ambassador in an event seen as reflecting his rating based on current performance. Sources said the contract with Tendulkar was not renewed and Airtel did not make any offers to renew it. The contract was up for renewal last week. In 2004, Airtel had signed on Tendulkar.

– Airtel drops Sachin. *Tribune.* November 03, 2006: 1.

Scoffing at media reports that his poor performance on the field caused Bharati to dump him as the brand ambassador of Airtel mobile phone services, ace batsman Sachin Tendulkar said the decision to part ways with the company was his own.

– Sachin: decision to part ways with Airtel mine. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 17.

Sachin Tendulkar on November 10 embarked on a new partnership with ITC's food division to promote a new brand of health food in his name — Sunfeast Sachin's Fit Kit.

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– Tendulkar to bat for ITC. *Tribune.* November 11, 2006: 21.

Sachin Tendulkar was the surprise choice for the best ODI bowling performance, while dashing wicketkeeper bat Mahendra Singh Dhoni adjudged the most promising newcomer in the eighth Castrol Awards for Cricketing Excellence in Johannesburg.

– Sachin is best ODI bowler! *Tribune.* December 15, 2006: 20.

Thackeray, Bal

Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray on February 18 disowned the attack on a Valentine's Day party at Nalasopara in Thane district, adjoining Mumbai, where several women were beaten up by party workers. "I am ashamed to call the attackers Shiv Sainiks... It is an example of cowardice," Thackeray said.

– Thackeray laments Valentine's Day attack. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 2.

The Supreme Court on June 9 permitted legal heirs of a Mumbai social worker to move an application for pursuing a criminal defamation case against Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray. Vankatesh Sharthankar, alias Babru, who claimed to be a social worker, filed a criminal defamation case against the Shiv Sena supremo for writing some articles in the party mouthpiece, *Samana*, in August 1994, levelling charges of his complicity with arms smugglers. *Samana's* publisher Subhash Desai was also made an accused by him.

– No respite for Thackeray in defamation case. *Tribune.* June 10, 2006:2.

Hours after top Shiv Sena leaders announced that the party had no alliance with the BJP, the national leadership of the BJP could be seen wooing Sena supremo Bal Thackeray. Sources in Mumbai say BJP president Rajnath Singh and Mr Lal Krishna Advani were in constant touch with Mr Bal Thackeray to prevent the 22-year old alliance from breaking up.

– Hectic parleys on to avert Sena-BJP split. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006:16.

Thackeray, Raj

Bal Thackeray's nephew Raj Thackeray on March 9 launched his new party, 80 days after he split away from the Shiv Sena. Raj, who is wooing the youth with a promise of new Maharashtra, has named his outfit as Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS).

– Raj Thackeray floats party. *Tribune.* March 10, 2006: 24.

Raj Thackeray, on March 19 kicked off his new political party — Maharashtra Navnirman Sena by distancing himself from his uncle's hard-line policies.

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In an attempt to please all, including migrants to Maharashtra, Muslims, Dalits and women, Raj Thackeray envisioned justice and equality to all in the Maharashtra of his dreams.

– Raj Thackeray kicks off new party. *Tribune.* March 20, 2006: 2.

Thakkar, Yangar

Veteran journalist and editor of the *Northeast Window* magazine Yangar Thakkar died at a private nursing home at Dimapur on December 7 after a prolonged illness. He was 45 and a bachelor. Yangar began his journalistic career with the Press Trust of India. He quit his job in 2001 to publish the fortnightly magazine.

– Veteran scribe dead. *Tribune.* December 09, 2006: 2.

Thakral, K.K. (Dr)

Dr K.K. Thakral, a Professor of Vegetable Science at the Haryana Agricultural University, has been awarded fellowship of the Indian Society for Spices in recognition of his significant contribution in spices research. Dr Thakral was presented with a certificate and a memento at a recent symposium on spices and aromatic crops organised in Bangalore. The scientist has contributed significantly in developing nearly 10 improved varieties of spices, apart from standardising their production technology.

– Awards for don, researcher. *Tribune.* November 21, 2006: 14.

Thakur, Arti

Arti Thakur, a fitness trainer from Mumbai was crowned Mrs India World at a function in Mumbai on March 25 night . She will represent India in the 2006 Mrs World contest in Russia on April 23.

– Mumbai girl is Mrs India World. *Sunday Tribune.* March 26, 2006: 24.

Thakur, B.S. (Lieut-Gen)

Lieut-General B.S. Thakur, a former Vice-Chief of Army, has been appointed Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission. He replaces Mr Arvind Kaul who completed his term on September 27.

– Thakur new HPPSC Chairman. *Sunday Tribune.* October 01, 2006: 9.

Thakur, Hitender

Mandi residents are in a state of shock over the murder of 23-year-old. Hitender Thakur, a local youth, who was killed for just $100 by a suspected black robber, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the USA, on May 25.

– Mandi in shock over murder. *Tribune.* May 31, 2006: 9.

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Thakur, Jai Ram

BJP's decision to install Mr Jai Ram Thakur as the state party chief has come as a major setback to the faction led by former union minister Shanta Kumar, who had been opposing his name right from the beginning.

– Thakur's selection setback to Shanta. *Tribune.* December 25, 2006: 9.

Thakur, Keshav

Baba Farid Public School has created a history by bagging gold medal in the CBSE National Swimming Championship held at Nagpur from October 8-11 with its Class X student Keshav Thakur clinching first rank in 50m butterfly. He broke all previous records with a timing of 00:29:32 seconds. He won another gold medal in 50m freestyle, apart from a bronze in 100m butterfly.

– Keshav excels. *Tribune.* October 16, 2006: 20.

Thakur, Nandlal

This decision of the SAI has spread discontent among the coaching fraternity as many believe that Nandlal Thakur, Bilaspur-based SAI kabaddi and kho-kho coach, has managed to "arm-twist" the SAI top brass into getting his transfer order revoked since he is the brother of Himachal Sports Minister, Ram Lal Thakur.

– Minsiter's kin gets transfer stalled. *Tribune.* April 15, 2006: 22.

Thakur, S.S.

Mr D.D. Sood, a senior advocate, Mr V.K. Ahuja, District and Sessions Judge, and Mr S.S. Thakur, Secretary (Law) were sworn in as Judges of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in Shimla on November 27.

– 3 sworn in as HC judges. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 9.

Thakur, Viplove

The Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) chief, Ms Viplove Thakur, was injured when her car met with an accident near Shoghi on the Kalka-Shimla highway late on February 17 night.

– HPCC chief hurt in accident. *Sunday Tribune.* February 19, 2006: 9.

The decision of the Congress High Command to nominate Mrs Viplove Thakur, PCC chief, for the lone Rajya Sabha seat falling vacant from Himachal Pradesh next month has come as a big jolt to Mr Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, who has been engaged in a running battle with her ever since she took over the reins of the Party.

– RS ticket to Viplove, setback to Virbhadra. *Tribune.* March 17, 2006:13.

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The Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) chief, Mrs Viplove Thakur is all set to be declared unopposed to the Rajya Sabha, as after scrutiny of nomination papers on March 18 she is the lone candidate in the fray.

– Viplove lone Rajya Sabha candidate. *Sunday Tribune.* March 19, 2006:9.

Mrs Viplove Thakur, Pradesh Congress Committee chief, was on March 20 elected to the lone Rajya Sabha seat falling vacant in the first week of April.

– Viplove elected to RS. *Tribune.* March 21, 2006: 12.

Thamburaj, Noble (Lt-Gen)

General Officer Commanding, 11 Corps, Jalandhar, Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj has been appointed as the Colonel Commandant of the Bombay Sappers. The Colonel Commandant's Baton was handed over to him by the outgoing Vice-Chief of the Army Staff, Lt Gen S. Pattabhiraman, at New Delhi on December 29.

– Thamburaj is Bombay Sappers' Col Cmdt. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006:5.

Thangthuam, Tungkut

In a major attack ahead of New Year celebration, gunmen killed Inspector-General of Police (Intelligence) Tungkut Thangthuam, his bodyguard Havildar, S. Khamkhanjam Paite and critically injured three policemen in an ambush at Oinam in Manipur's Bishenpur district on December 31.

– Manipur IG killed in ambush. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006: 1.

Tharoor, Shashi

India has thrown its weight behind the candidature of Shashi Tharoor for the post of UN Secretary-General. Presently, the UN Under Secretary-General (Communications), Mr Tharoor has been nominated on the basis of his impeccable credentials and commitment to developing countries.

– Tharoor India's candidate for UN top job. *Tribune.* June 16, 2006: 1.

Pakistan has indicated that it is likely to challenge the Indian nominee for the UN Secretary-General post Shashi Tharoor and said it believes that his candidature showed New Delhi giving up its bid for a permanent seat in the Security Council, a claim rejected by India.

– Pak may challenge Tharoor's nomination. *Tribune.* June 17, 2006: 11.

Unfazed by Pakistan's move to vie for UN Secretary-General's post, India's nominee Shashi Tharoor said on June 18 he would "welcome any qualified candidate" from that country or anywhere else as "merit ".

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– Tharoor unfazed by Pak challenge. *Tribune.* June 19, 2006: 16.

Mr Shashi Tharoor, India's nominee for the post of United Nations' Secretary-General, on June 21 met a wide spectrum of politicians, concluding his three-day mission to drum up the broadest possible support within the Indian political system.

– Tharoor meets Kalam, Vajpayee. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006: 2.

Shashi Tharoor, India's candidate for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations, on October 2 withdrew from the race after South Korea's Foreign Minister virtually assured himself the post with a strong showing in the Security Council's fourth straw election.

– Tharoor loses race to S. Korean for UN job. *Tribune.* October 04, 2006:1.

The BJP on October 5 blamed the UPA government for the withdrawal of Mr Shashi Tharoor from the race for the post of UN Secretary-General, saying that it happened because of the Government's "failure" in its conduct of foreign policy.

– Tharoor's withdrawal failure of UPA: BJP. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006:16.

Thathai, Kharaiti Lal

Mr Kharaiti Lal Thathai, social worker and progressive farmer, died on November 25 after a brief illness. An associate of Dr Bal Ram Jakhar, Governor, Madhya Pradesh, Mr Thathai (84) was born at Pakpattan in Sahiwal district and migrated to Abohar in August 1947.

– Social worker dead. *Tribune.* November 27, 2006: 4.

Thekedar, Jaswant Singh

UK-based separatist leader Jaswant Singh Thekedar (60), who was declared a proclaimed offender and carried a reward of Rs 50,000 on his head, after he was accused of throwing cow parts into temples in Amritsar in 1982, on October 19 admitted that he had entered India on a valid visa on October 5 and attended the wedding of the son of an Ambala-based journalist on October 7, as mentioned in these columns.

– Thekedar admits visiting India. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006: 5.

Thind, Bhupinder Singh

The top brass of the state police were taken aback with the reported arrival in the city of a Punjab Police officer with a non-bailable warrant against B.S. Thind, Additional Director-General of Police (CID), in connection with his involvement in an alleged land grab case in Patiala district.

– Warrants issued against ADGP. *Tribune.* June 05, 2006: 13.

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The state police on June 8 returned the non-bailable warrants issued by a Punjab court against ADGP (CID, Law and Order), B.S. Thind through a special messenger.

– Warrants against ADGP Think returned. *Tribune.* June 09, 2006: 10.

The Central Bureau of Investigation on October 27 arrested Additional Director-General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, Mr Bhupinder Singh Thind, who is allegedly involved in a case of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

– CBI arrested Himachal Additional DGP. *Tribune.* October 28, 2006: 1.

Mr Bhupinder Singh Thind, ADGP (Law and Order), Himachal Pradesh Police, was remanded into judicial custody till November 11 by Ms Harinder Sidhu, Special Magistrate, CBI, when he was produced in her court by a team of the CBI led by SP Mahesh Aggarwal in Patiala on October 28.

– Thind in court custody till November 11. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 5.

Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh said in Dharmsala on October 29 that the law would take its course in the case of ADGP B.S. Thind. He denied the allegations of the opposition that he had been shielding him.

– ADGP Thinds case: law will take its course, says Virbhadra. *Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 8.

The Himachal Government is making a serious effort to withdraw the criminal cases against Mr B.S. Thind, ADGP, pertaining to financial irregularities committed while he was posted as Managing Director of the state-owned Agro India Packaging Limited.

– Govt wants cases against Thind withdrawn. *Tribune.* November 07, 2006: 9.

Suspended Himachal ADGP Bhupinder Singh Thind was granted regular bail by Additional District and Sessions Judge Bhupinder Singh in Patiala on November 21. The judge asked Mr Thind to provide personal bond of Rs 5 lakh and two sureties of Rs 5 lakhs each.

– ADGP Thind gets bail. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006: 4.

Claiming to be a law abiding citizen, Himachal Pradesh's Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) B.S. Thind on November 27 alleged that he had been framed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) at the behest of former Additional Director Ashwani Kumar.

– ADGP Thind accused CBI officer of implicating him. *Tribune.* November 28, 2006: 3.

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Chief Minister of Himachal Virbhadra Singh has warned suspended Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) B.S. Thind on the issue of letters purported to have been written by him. The Chief Minister said he was 'exceeding the limits' of service conduct rules.

– Thind told not to exceed limits of service rules. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 9.

The issue of suspended ADGP B.S. Thind once again echoed in the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha on December 29 with both Prem Kumar Dhumal, Leader of Opposition, and Virbhadra Singh, Leader of House, dubbing each other as Thind's "godfather".

– B.S. Thind issue continues to echo in Vidhan Sabha. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 9.

Thind, J.S. (Brig)

Brig J.S. Thind, took over as Commander, Territorial Army Group, Western Command headquarters, Chandimandir, on June 1. Brig Thind was commissioned in the Corps of Artillery of the Indian Army in March, 1972. He is a graduate of Defence Service Staff College, Wellington.

– Brig Thind to head Territorial Army Group. *Tribune.* June 03, 2006: 3.

Thomas, James (Maj)

Major James Thomas of 10 Sikh Light Infantry and Fireman Vijay Pal Singh of Uttar Pradesh have been awarded Kirti Chakra posthumously for "exceptional valour, commendable courage, devotion to duty and supreme sacrifice" in this year's Independence Day Presidential Awards, announced in New Delhi on August 14 on the eve of the 60th I-Day.

– Kirti Chakra awarded posthumously to two. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006:1.

Thomas, K. George (Dr)

Dr K. George Thomas receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.

– 13 scientists to get Bhatnagar awards. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 12.

Thomas, P.C.

The Kerala HC on October 31 declared as void the election of former Union Minister P.C. Thomas from the Muvattupuzha Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala.

– Election of Thomas declared void. *Tribune.* November 01, 2006: 2.

Thorat, Sukhadeo (Dr)

Dr Sukhadeo Thorat, a member of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and Professor of Economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), was

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on February 6 appointed Chairman of the UGC. Dr Thorat has been appointed Chairman for a term of five years. He holds M. Phil. and Ph.D. in Economics from JNU. According to an official spokesman, Dr Thorat has made notable contributions to research in various frontier areas of knowledge, including agricultural development, poverty, labour studies, caste and economic discrimination, particularly labour market discrimination and economic problems of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

- Dr Thorat is UGC chief. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 2.
- UGC keen on quality education: Thorat. *Sunday Tribune.* September 03, 2006: 12.

Thorat, Y.S.P.

The government has appointed Nabard Managing Director, Y.S.P. Thorat, as the Chairman of the premier refinancing organisation. Mr Thorat took charge as Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) on April 7. Nabard said in a press note.

- Nabard chief. *Tribune.* April 08, 2006: 21.

Thulasidas, V.

Air-India Chairman and Managing Director, V. Thulasidas has been elected as a Board Member of the International Air Transport Association. The Board, which has 261 airlines as its members, will be headed this year by Singapore Airlines Chief Executive Officer Chew Choon Seng.

- V. Thulasidas. *Tribune.* June 21, 2006: 17.

Tickoo, M.L. (Prof)

Prof M.L. Tickoo of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad on September 22 mooted the compilation of an Indian-English dictionary as a first step towards recognising that Indian English was different from British and American English.

- Indian English dictionary mooted. *Tribune.* September 23, 2006: 3.

Tikoo, R.K.

Mr R.K. Tikoo, Transport Commissioner, has been appointed as the new DG (Prisons) in place of Mr. Mohanty, who has been sent as Commissioner, Civil Military Liaison.

- Rioting: Jail DG shifted. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 6.

Tipri, Surabhi

The gold medal in women's 800m freestyle went to India's Surabhi Tipri, who clocked 9:39.60 seconds. Compatriot Pooja Alva claimed the silver in a

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time of 9:41.93.

– Swimmers continue to make a splash. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 18.

Tirkey, Dilip

Dilip Tirkey, India's unassuming hockey captain, will tie the knot with Meera, the daughter of a retired Central Government official, at Rourkela on February 6.

– Dilip Tirkey to wed next month. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 20.

Ace defender and former captain Dilip Tirkey and Services' Sunil Ekka have replaced unfit Kanwalpreet Singh and William Xalxo in the Indian hockey team for the Four-Nation tournament to be played at Monchelgladdach (Germany) from April 15 to 17.

– I am fit to play: Tirkey. *Tribune.* April 13, 2006: 21.

Veteran defender Dilip Tirkey was on May 25 handed back the captaincy, while three experienced midfielders were recalled to the Indian hockey team for next month's Azlan Shah tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

– Tirkey back as captain. *Tribune.* May 26, 2006: 22.

Indian captain Dilip Tirkey has been selected in the World Hockey All Star team 2006 released by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). "Only the best players of the world are selected for the All Star teams (men and women). This has been created for the first time and 18 players and two coaches have been selected for each team," said an FIH release.

– Dilip Tirkey in FIH's All Star team. *Tribune.* November 02, 2006: 18.

Tiwari, N.D.

N.D. Tiwari, who has been sulking for quiet sometime for allegedly being marginalised in Congress hierarchy, on March 4 quit as Uttaranchal Chief Minister and sent his resignation to party President Sonia Gandhi.

– Tiwari quits as CM of Uttaranchal. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006:1

Congress on March 6 gave signals that N.D. Tiwari would continue as Uttaranchal Chief Minister as of now even as the veteran leader said in Dehra Dun that he would abide by the party High Command's decision on his political future.

– Tiwari to stay: Congress. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 20.

Tomar, Ajit

Aruna Roy's campaign against proposed amendments to the Right to Information (RTI) Act has finally found a resonance in the region. Leading the movement in Punjab and Haryana is Ajit Tomar, an unassuming man

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from a small village in Mahendragarh, who has come a long way on the path of social activism.

– Enduring hunger to protect Right to Information. *Tribune.* August 19, 2006: 3.

Tomar, Alka

Woman discus thrower Krishna Punia and freestyle wrestler Alka Tomar got bronze medals at the Asian Games in Doha on December 11.

– Punia, Tomar bag bronze. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 1.

Geetika Jhakar and Alka Tomar stole the limelight as India claimed a silver and a bronze from the women's wrestling events in the Asian Games in Doha on December 11.

– Silver, bronze in wrestling. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 1.

Tudu, Balram

The IIT, Kharagpur, has increased the number of seats to accommodate Blaram Tudu, a Scheduled Tribe candidate who had failed to make it to the IIT counselling, owing to a lapse on the part of the Postal Department. This has been done following Union HRD Minister Arjun Singh's intervention.

– IIT admits ST boy after Arjun's intervention. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 2.

Tuteja, S.K.

Mr S.K. Tuteja, former Union Secretary for Food and Public Distribution, will head the Fifth Punjab Pay Commission.

– Tuteja to head pay panel. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 5.

Tyagi, Apoorva

Indian grapplers won five medals, including two gold, by the end of the third day of the sixth Asian Cadet Wrestling Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. Narender Kumar and Apoorva Tyagi, competing in 50 kg men's freestyle and 40 kg women's freestyle respectively, clinched the gold medals for India.

– Indian grapplers bag two gold. *Tribune.* August 12, 2006: 22.

Tyagi, S.P. (Air-Chief-Marshal)

Air Chief S.P. Tyagi on May 7 became the first Indian Chief of the Air Staff to become a skydiver. He made his skydiving jumps over the Air Force station at Hindon this morning.

– Air Chief turns skydiver. *Tribune.* May 08, 2006: 2.

Corruption has infected the Indian Armed Forces too, admits Chief of the

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Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal S.P. Tyagi. He was speaking at the golden jubilee celebrations of the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) on August 13 night.

– Air Chief admits corruption in armed forces. *Tribune.* August 14, 2006:2.

The Indian Air Force on August 14 clarified that Air Chief S.P. Tyagi had never stated that the Army had "certain corrupt officials" as stated in a media report issued after he had spoken at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) in the Gujarat state capital on August 13 night.

– Tyagi was misquoted: IAF. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006: 2.

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Udit Narayan

Udit Narayan, now settled in Mumbai, originally hails from Saharsa, a district adjoining Supaul. Ranjana, who surfaced in Patna on April 21 after 22 years of her marriage with Udit Narayan in 1984, staged a dharna for five hours in front of room No. 401 of a private hotel in the city, where the singer, with his second wife Deepa Narayan, had been staying since on April 21 to attend a marriage ceremony. In front of mediapersons and cameras, Ranjana displayed the photographs of her marriage with Udit Narayan and other documents pertaining to the marriage, alleging that he had deserted her since 1994.

– Udit Narayan's first wife surfaces. *Tribune.* April 22, 2006: 2.

The Bihar Women's Commission has reportedly sent a notice to Bollywood singing sensation Udit Narayan on April 23 to depose before it within next fortnight after a case was registered against him on April 23 on charges of "bigamy" as levelled by his first wife, Ranjana Narayan.

– Udit gets notice for bigamy by women's body. *Tribune.* April 24, 2006: 2.

The Bihar State Women's Commission has turned down the request of Bollywood singer Udit Narayan to exempt him from personal appearance in the hearing of the alleged bigamy case. The Commission has asked him to appear before it on May 19 to answer allegations of bigamy levelled against him by Ranjana Narayan, claiming to be his first wife.

– Udit Narayan summoned in bigamy case. *Sunday Tribune.* April 30, 2006: 2.

The Bihar Women's Commission has decided to issue the third and final summon to Bollywood singer Udit Narayan soon to explain his position on the complaint filed by Ranjana Narayana, claiming to be his first wife, charging him with bigamy.

– Women panel to issue final summons to Udit Narayan. *Tribune.* May 24, 2006: 2.

The State Woman Commission has finally decided to issue a warrant against Mumbai-based noted playback singer Udit Narayan if he fails to depose before it by July 4 in connection with his alleged bigamy case.

– Panel to issue warrant against Udit Narayan. *Tribune.* June 29, 2006:17.

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In a dramatic turn of events, Bollywood singer, Udit Narayan, on July 28 accepted Ranjana Jha as his "legally married wife" and promised to the Bihar Women's Commission to protect her marital rights. However, both Udit Narayan and the Commission Chairperson, Manju Prakash were silent on Deepa Narayan, the other wife of the Bihar born singer.

– Udit accepts Ranjana as wife. *Tribune.* July 29, 2006: 2.

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Vaidya, S.C. (Prof)

Prof. S.C. Vaidya, University Business School, Panjab University, has been appointed as a member of the Board of Management Studies of the All-India Council for Technical Education for a period of three years.

– Vaidya on tech education panel. *Tribune.* October 02, 2006: 3.

Vaiko

The ruling United People's Alliance (UPA) at the Centre on March 4 suffered a serious political setback as one of its constituents, Marumarlchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) quit the DMK-led Democratic Progressive Alliance (DPA) in Tamil Nadu and entered into a poll alliance with its arch rival Chief Minister, J. Jayalalithaa.

– Vaiko ditches Karunanidhi, aligns with Jaya. *Sunday Tribune.* March 05, 2006: 1.

Two of the prominent leaders of the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) electoral front have decided not to contest the May 8 Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu.

– Vaiko not to contest poll. *Tribune.* April 01, 2006: 19.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on August 30 assured MDMK chief Vaiko that India would not offer any military help to Sri Lanka and he was willing to meet 22 Tamil MPs of the island nation.

– No military help to Lanka, Vaiko told. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 2.

The MDMK on December 29 suffered a vertical split with rebel leaders convening a General Council Meeting and expelling its General Secretary Vaiko from the primary membership of the Party.

– MDMK splits, Vaiko expelled. *Tribune.* December 30, 2006: 2.

Vajinder Singh

The secretary of the Shaheed Memorial Sewa Society, Mr Vajinder Singh, was awarded the National Child Development award for his social service. The Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Ms Renuka Choudhary, presented the award to him at a function held in Delhi last week.

– National award for Vajinder. *Ludhiana Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 2.

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Vajpayee, Atal Bihari

Veteran Marxist, Jyoti Basu called BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister, a political fraud. Reacting to Mr Vajpayee's decision to retire from politics, the former Chief Minister said it was good news for the countrymen.

– Atal a fraud, says Jyoti Basu. *Sunday Tribune.* January 01, 2006: 10.

The BJP on June 8 undertook a damage-control exercise as two of its top leaders taking cue from former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee called on the late party leader Pramod Mahajan's son Rahul Mahajan, who was in police custody facing charges under the Narcotics Prevention Act.

– Top BJP leaders call on Rahul. *Tribune.* June 09, 2006: 2.

NDA leaders with former PM, Atal Behari Vajpayee, in the vanguard will court arrest in New Delhi on June 12, protesting against the hike in petrol and diesel prices.

– Vajpayee to lead protest against fuel price hike. *Tribune.* June 11, 2006:2.

In yet another attack on the constitutional positions, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on August 8 gave voice to a long-simmering discontentment against the Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee in the BJP-led Opposition alliance, saying that: "All sections of the NDA feel deeply disappointed at the manner in which the House is being presently run".

– Vajpayee leads campaign against Speaker. *Tribune.* August 09, 2006:1.

"We do not aim at idol worship (through rendition of Vande Mataram). Those who do not believe in idol worship are free to pray in their own way. But when it comes to worshipping India, our motherland, there should be no controversy," said Mr Vajpayee, who led the gathering which included a number of Muslims and Sikhs, in singing Vande Mataram to commemorate 100 years of its adoption as the National Song.

– Vande Mataram row unfortunate: Vajpayee. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006:21.

Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee said on September 26 that the failure of his Agra summit with President Pervez Musharraf was because of the General's insistence that the bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir was "nothing but the people's battle for freedom". "No one insulted the General and certainly no one insulted me," the former Prime Minister said in a statement in New Delhi.

– Vajpayee refutes Musharraf's claims. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 1.

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Vajpayee, Naveen Chand

In a major reshuffle both the Chief Secretary and Director-General of Police in UP were shunted to insignificant posts sending a strong message across the civil services that they need to deliver in the election year. While Naveen Chand Vajpayee is the new Chief Secretary, Bua Singh has been named as the new DGP. Outgoing Chief Secretary R. Ramani has become the Director General Training, a post which carries no weightage. Similarly, DGP Yashpal Singh has been shunted to another insignificant post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of U.P. Police Housing Corporation.

– CS, DGP of UP replaced. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 13.

Valecha, Pawan

The Bharatiya Janshakti Party, launched by rebel BJP leader, Ms Uma Bharti, on September 3 named its officers-bearers for Punjab. Mr Vishwanath, national general secretary of the party, said the following were the officer-bearers: President — Mr Pawan Valecha.

– Valecha is president of Janshakti party. *Tribune.* September 04, 2006: 4.

Valiyakath Ebrahim Kutty Abdul Saleem

An Indian has won UAE's first National Bonds worth over Rs 1.1 crore but insisted he will continue working in his former job. Valiyakath Ebrahim Kutty Abdul Saleem, 47, who hails from Kerala, was the first winner to scoop big money in the UAE's recently established National Bonds' prize worth Rs 1.1 crore draw.

– Indian wins jackpot. *Tribune.* May 11, 2006: 15.

Varghese, M.C.

M.C. Varghese, Chief Editor of the Mangalam Group of Publications, died at a private hospital in Kottayam this morning following a cardiac arrest. Varghese, 73, is survived by his wife and four sons. He was admitted to the hospital last week.

– Chief Editor M.C. Varghese dead. *Tribune.* January 10, 2006: 1.

Varma, Atul Chandra

Mr Atul Chandra Varma, assumed charge as Managing Director of the State Bank of Patiala on December 4. Prior to joining SBoP, Mr Varma was Chief General Manager, Personnel & HRD at Corporate Centre, SBI, Mumbai.

– *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 17.

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Varma, Lalit

Mr Varma, an IAS officer of the 1984 batch and currently posted as Commissioner of Allahabad, allegedly fudged his date of birth certificate by lowering his age by nearly 35 months and also made a false representation to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the cadre controlling authority.

– Fudging case: IAS officer chargesheeted. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 2.

Varma, Moni

NRI entrepreneurs Moni Varma, founder of the Veetee brand basmati rice, and Rami Ranger, founder-chairman of Sun Oil Ltd, have won the Asian of the Year and Asian Leadership in Europe Awards for 2006, respectively.

– Moni Vama, Rami 'Asians of the Year'. *Tribune.* November 22, 2006:15.

Varsulkar, Solomon

A young Jewish immigrant from India, Solomon Varsulkar, has been awarded the 'Junior Cricketer of the year' by the Israel Cricket Association (ICA). Varsulkar was chosen for the award from a list of young cricketers, all under-17, who have brought Israel laurels at the international stage Varsulkar made a significant contribution in these victories by his orthodox spin bowling.

– Indian shines. *Tribune.* March 14, 2006: 18.

Vasan, G.K.

At a function organised on the occasion of the 113th birth anniversary of Professor Mahalanobis in New Delhi, Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation, G.K. Vasan gave away the Prof P.V. Sukhatme National Award in Statistics for 2005-06 jointly to the two statisticians.

– P.V. Sukhatme National Award given. *Tribune.* June 30, 2006: 15.

Vasisht, Praveen K.

Things are beginning to look up for Lawrance School, Sanawar, yet again. The school management has appointed Mr Praveen K. Vasisht, an alumnus of this School and currently a teacher on campus, officiating in the top slot, as the new Headmaster with a brief to re-build the image of the school that once ranked among the very best in the country.

– Vasisht appointed Lawrance School Headmaster. *Sunday Tribune.* July 02, 2006: 3.

Vats, Kuldip

Kuldip Vats of India was elected president of the Asian Amateur Kabaddi

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Federation (AAKF) at its congress in New Delhi on November 28. Vats, who is the joint secretary of the 2010 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee as well as an executive committee member of the Indian Olympic Association, said efforts would be made to include kabaddi at least as a demonstration game in the Delhi Commonwealth Games.

– Indian is Asian kabaddi chief. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 19.

Vats, S.P. (Dr)

The Haryana Governor and Chancellor of Maharashi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, Dr A.R. Kidwai, has appointed Dr S.P. Vats, Head, Department of Defence Studies, University College, Rohtak, as Registrar of the University.

– New MDU Registrar. *Tribune.* July 21, 2006: 7.

Vatsayan, Kapila

Noted filmmakar Shyam Benegal, media magnate Shobhana Bhartia and eminent art historian Kapila Vatsayan were on February 17 nominated to Rajya Sabha for a six year term. They fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of leading jurist Falli S Nariman, melody queen Lata Mangeshkar and columnist Cho Ramaswamy.

– Benegal, Bhartia nominated to RS. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 24.

Indira Gnadhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) chairperson Dr Kapila Vatsayan on March 24 resigned from the Rajya Sabha in wake of the office of profit controversy. Dr Vatsayan, who was nominated in February, sent her resignation letter to Rajya Sabha Chairman Bhairon Singh Shekhawat.

– Vatsayan quits Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 2.

Vedanti, Joginder Singh

Leaders urged Jathedar of Akal Takht to withdraw the "edict" issued against Sarna brothers and others as the "edict" was unprecedented in the annals of Sikh religion. He said that when Sarna was summoned at Akal Takht on February 10 by all five Jathedars, it was unfortunate that before his appearance, Jathedar Vedanti issued the "edict".

– Witdhraw order on Sarnas, panthic leaders ask Vedanti. *Tribune.* February 07, 2006: 4.

Member of the Political Affairs Committee of Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) and veteran SGPC member Manjit Singh Calcutta is the first senior Akali leader to fire a salvo against Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar, Akal Takht, by describing him as a "puppet" in the hands of his political masters.

– Calcutta spits fire against Vedanti. *Tribune.* February 09, 2006: 6.

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Jathedar Akal Takht, Joginder Singh Vedanti and SGPC chief Avtar Singh seem to be on a collision over the installation of three granthis for the Golden Temple.

– Appointment of granthis: Vedanti, SGPC chief on collision course. *Tribune.* September 08, 2006: 5.

Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar of Akal Takht, on September 23 courted yet another controversy when he honoured USA-based Dr Ganga Singh Dhillon, a Khalistani ideologue and president, Nanakana Sahib Sikh Foundation, at a Gurdwara in Switzerland.

– Vedanti courts controversy. *Tribune.* September 25, 2006: 4.

Vengsarkar, Dilip

Dilip Vengsarkar seems all set to take over the mantle of chairman of the national senior selection committee of the cricket board from former team-mate Kiran More at the BCCI's AGM in Mumbai on September 27 and 28.

– Vengsarkar set to head selection panel. *Tribune.* September 22, 2006: 20.

Batting great Dilip Vengsarkar was on September 27 appointed as Chairman of the Selection Committee as the Cricket Board re-constituted some of its high-profile committees and vested key responsibilities on elite former cricketers. Vengsarkar, a former captain who played 116 Tests and 129 one-dayers, took over the hot seat from the controversial Kiran More whose four-year term had come to an end.

– Vengsarkar made Chief Selector. *Tribune.* September 28, 2006: 22.

Venkaiah Naidu, M.

Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad on October 5, party senior leader of BJP and former president M. Venkaiah Naidu took strong objection to 'some pseudo-secularists and left-backed groups' pleading for commutation of Afzal's death sentence. These people were nowhere when there were attacks on Ayodhya, Varanasi and Akshardham, but are trying to save the life of a convict who is a hardcore terrorist, he protested. The laws are framed to protect citizens from victimisation but not to protect the perpetrators of terrorist acts. "Any body speaking in favour of Afzal is doing a disservice to the nation," Mr Naidu said.

– BJP threatens stir if Afzal is pardoned. *Tribune.* October 06, 2006: 2.

The Bharatiya Janata Party on October 25 attacked the National Commission for Minorities for harbouring bias against states ruled by the saffron party. "Why is it that only the BJP-ruled states are being targeted? Is everything fine in state under Congress Rule?" senior BJP vice-president M. Venkaiah

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Naidu asked and said that "vote bank politics" was behind the NCM report.

– NCM a tool of Congress, says BJP. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 15.

Venkata Reddy, Gowru

The decision of Union Power Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh to grant pardon to Congress leader Gowru Venkata Reddy in the murder of rival Telugu Desam Party worker has come in for sharp criticism from the Supreme Court as it held that the entire case for clemency was built up on extraneous material.

– SC flays Shinde's role in pardoning Cong man. *Tribune.* October 13, 2006: 2.

The Supreme Court on October 17 rejected the plea of Andhra Pradesh Congress leader Gowru Venkata Reddy for the suspension of its verdict and giving him more time to surrender, after it, in an historic judgement in his case, had re-defined the guidelines on the grant of pardon to convicts by the President and the Governor.

– SC rejects Cong man plea on pardon. *Tribune.* October 18, 2006: 2.

Gowru Venkata Reddy, whose pardon by Andhra Pradesh Governor was struck down by the Supreme Court, on October 18 surendered before the police. Venkat Reddy gave himself up before the Kurnool district SP, Malla Reddy, following the Supreme Court's refusal to give more time to the convict to explore the option of parole.

– Reddy surrenders. *Tribune.* October 19, 2006: 1.

Venugopal, P. (Dr)

The Health Ministry on June 21 sought an explanation from the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Director, Dr P. Venugopal, for carrying tales to the public on the alleged interference of the Health Ministry in the functioning of the premier Institute.

– Centre asks for AIIMS Director's explanation. *Tribune.* June 22, 2006:1.

A day before the Institute Body meeting of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), five democratic associations on the campus have expressed solidarity with its Director Prof P. Venugopal, who has been fighting for the autonomy of the Institute.

– Staff, students express solidarity with Venugopal. *Tribune.* July 05, 2006:12.

AIIMS Director and internationally renowned heart surgeon Dr P. Venugopal in New Delhi on July 5 stepped out of Nirman Bhavan, Health Ministry headquarters, in a state of daze minutes after the institute body, chaired by

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Health Minister, Anbhumani Ramadoss, announced the "termination of his term".

– Venugopal removed. *Tribune.* July 06, 2006: 1.

Sacked All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Director P. Venugopal on July 6 moved the Delhi High Court challenging his unceremonious dismissal following a face-off with Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss. The court posted hearing on his plea till tomorrow.

– Venugopal moves HC on removal. *Tribune.* July 07, 2006: 1.

In a major victory for sacked All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Director Dr P. Venugopal in the fight for autonomy of the Institute in his face off with Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss, the Delhi High Court on July 7 stayed the resolution for his removal passed on July 5.

– Venugopal's ouster stayed. *Tribune.* July 08, 2006: 1.

AIIMS Director P. Venugopal, resumed work a day after his controversial removal was satyed by the Delhi High Court till August 17. The legendary heart surgeon known for his self forgetful services to patients earned a rousing reception from patients besides admirers and sympathisers in the faculty, resident doctors, scientists and medical students.

– Dr Venugopal. *Sunday Tribune.* July 09, 2006: 1.

In a volte face, the government on July 25 offered to withdraw the order for the removal of the AIIMS Director, Dr P. Venugopal, before the Delhi High Court which had declined to entertain its appeal against the single-judge Bench order granting interim stay on the termination of his service.

– Govt offers to withdraw Venugopal's sack order. *Tribune.* July 26, 2006:1.

The Delhi High Court on August 17 extended its stay on the order of the AIIMS governing body's decision to remove Dr Venugopal from the post of Institute's Director even as the govenrment offered to withdraw the termination order issued to him but insisted to continue with the charges of "irregularities and high-handedness" against him.

– Stay on order for removal of Dr Venugopal extended. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 2.

The Delhi High Court on October 18 said any action against All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Director P. Venugopal would be subject to the final verdict on the petition which is pending in the matter. However, the court allowed today's crucial institute body (IB) meeting to go ahead as scheduled.

– HC: action against Venu subject to final verdict. *Tribune.* October 19,

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Verinder Pal

Mr Verinder Pal, Finance and Development Officer, Guru Nanak Dev University, urged Governor, Punjab and Chancellor of University, S.F. Rodrigues to cancel proposed visit of a varisty team to Ethiopia, Kenya for admitting foreign students and building liaison with foreign institutions. The team led by Registrar R.S. Bawa would leave for the African countries on April 6 with the purpose of on the spot admission and to associate/affiliate foreign educational institutions with the University

– Chancellor urged to cancel GND varsity officials' visit to African countries. *Tribune.* April 05, 2006: 5.

Verma, Abhi

The District and Sessions Court awarded death penalty to Vikram Singh, Jasvir Singh and his wife Sonia on December 21 for kidnapping and brutally killing Abhi Verma, alias Harry, a student of Class 9 of the local DAV Senior Secondary School.

– Death for killers of schoolboy. *Tribune.* December 22, 2006: 1.

Verma, Abhishek

Saying he had nothing to do with the Scorpene submarine deal, businessman Abhishek Verma has broken his silence by alleging that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader L.K. Advani was seeking to frame him with the backing of an international arms dealer.

– Advani, arms dealer framed me in Scorpene deal: Abhishek. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 2.

Delhi-based businessman Abhishek Verma was on July 21 arrested by the CBI in connection with the Navy war room leak case for his alleged involvement in the leaking of classified military information.

– Prime accused in Navy war room leak case held. *Tribune.* July 22, 2006:1.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on October 19 filed a chargesheet against Abhishek Verma, son of a former Congress MP, in the Naval War Room leak case. The chargesheet, under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy), Section 3 (penalties for spying) and 9 (abetments, incitements, etc) of the Official Secrets Act, 1923, was filed in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in New Delhi.

– CBI files charge sheet against MP's son. *Tribune.* October 20, 2006:2.

Verma, Kishorilal

Ruling BJP legislator and former minister Kishorilal Verma and his wife

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were killed by an acquaintance in this district's Khedighat area on October 21, the police said.

– BJP MLA, wife slain in Madhya Pradesh. *Tribune.* October 23, 2006:2.

Verma, L.R. (Dr)

Activists of the Students Federation of India (SFI) on August 4 burnt the effigy of Vice-Chancellor, Dr L.R. Verma, demanding his dismissal along with the Registrar of the H.P. University.

– VC's effigy burnt. *Tribune.* August 05, 2006: 9.

Dr V.D. Sharma, Registrar, Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), has asserted that no "undue" favour has been shown to Dr L.R. Verma, Vice-Chancellor, by the executive council while granting him leave. Also, leave beyond five years was not exceptional and in the past too many other teachers had been granted leave of more than five years, he said.

– No undue favour to VC, says HPU Registrar. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 9.

The State unit of the National Students Union of India (NSUI) has defended Dr L.R. Verma, Vice-Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, in the CPMT question paper leak scam and asserted that he was being unfairly targeted by those who wanted to blackmail him.

– Paper leak: NSUI defends VC. *Tribune.* December 21, 2006: 8.

Verma, R.C. (Principal)

In a new turn of events, Mr R.C. Verma, Principal, Hindu College, was reinstated by the DPI (Colleges). The DPI set aside the suspension orders issued by the Management Committee of the College on August 24, 2005, with immediate effect. The orders issued on March 24 by Dr Kanwarjit Singh, Director, Public Instructions (College), Punjab, were received in Amritsar on fax.

– DPI reinstates college Principal. *Tribune.* March 25, 2006: 5.

Verma, Sahib Singh

The police has registered an FIR against senior BJP leaders Vinay Katiyar and Sahib Singh Verma for announcing a reward for those civilians who would kill terrorists. The police said the case had been registered following the speech of the leaders in a rally in which they had announced a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh for any civilian who killed a terrorist and Rs 2 lakh for the kin of the civilian killed in an encounter with ultras.

– Katiyar, Sahib Singh booked. *Sunday Tribune.* June 11, 2006: 6.

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Verma, Satish

The first Dr Vishwanath Tiwari award will go to Dr Satish Verma, Head of the Punjabi Department of Punjabi University, Patiala whose contribution to Punjabi language remains unparalleled.

– Harpal Tiwana Award for Dr Harcharan Singh. *Sunday Tribune.* May 21, 2006: 3.

Verma, V.K. (Capt)

Capt V.K. Verma, Principal of Moti Lal Nehru School of Sports at Rai, Sonepat, has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Indian Public Schools Council (IPSC). The election was held during the annual IPSC conference, held at Vidya Devi Jindal School in Hisar, which concluded on November 18.

– Rai Principal is chief of national council. *Tribune.* November 20, 2006: 17.

Vickraman, Sonika

Sonika Vickraman won bronze medal in the Senior Women Karate category at the 15th World Karate Cup in Halkida, Greece. The Coimbatore girl, who is a student of the Alan Thilak Karate School, was coached by former chief coach of India Dai Sensei Moses Thilak.

– Sonika wins gold. *Tribune.* July 26, 2006: 18.

Vidya Devi

Mrs Vidya Devi, widow of former Haryana Chief Minister Bansi Lal, on September 15 alleged that her daughter-in-law, Mrs Kiran Chaudhary, was not allowing her access to the house of her late husband.

– Bansi Lal's widow files plea in High Court. *Tribune.* September 16, 2006:7.

Vidyadhar, J.B.S.

Indians had a mixed day at the qualifiers for the five-star Singapore Open Badminton Championships with J.B.S. Vidyadhar entering the men's main draw and Jwala Gutta failing to make the women's singles. Vidyadhar registered a convincing 21-7, 21-17 win over Malaysian Mohd Hafiz Shaharuddin in the second round to enter the main draw of the $ 170,000 tournament.

– Vidyadhar qualifies, Jwala Gutta fails. *Tribune.* June 07, 2006: 18.

Vijay Kumar

Soon after shooter Vijay Kumar won the first of his two gold medals at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, his father Banku Ram got busy attending

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congratulatory calls at the Sub Post Office at Harsaur village in Hamirpur. Born on August 19, 1985, Vijay was selected in the 16th Dogra Regiment about four years ago when he was found to be good in shooting and encouraged by the instructor to pursue the sport. Since then he has won about 40 medals in various competitions.

– Vijay's father wants him to win Olympic gold. *Tribune.* March 29, 2006: 22.

Vijay Kumar of the Indian Army on April 10 scored 582 points to win gold in the centre fire event beating ace shooter Jaspal Rana.

– Vijay Kumar shines. *Tribune.* April 11, 2006: 20.

The new Asian Games rules provided unexpected joy to the Indian contingent when young pistol shooter Vijay Kumar was awarded the bronze medal despite finishing fourth in the 25m rapid fire event in Doha on December 6.

– New rules fetch medal for India. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006: 20.

Himachal pradesh CM Virbhadra Singh on December 28 honoured shooters Samresh Jung, his wife Anuja Jung ad Vijay Kumar for their meritorious performances at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games held in March this year. During a ceremony at the Vidhan Sabha complex, the Chief Minister presented a draft for Rs 30 lakh to Samresh for winning five gold, one silver and one bronze, Rs 10 lakh to Vijay Kumar for winning two gold medals and Rs 8 lakh to Anuja for winning one gold and one silver.

– Himachal CM honours shooters. *Tribune.* December 29, 2006: 18.

Vijay Pal Singh

Major James Thomas of 10 Sikh Light Infantry and Fireman Vijay Pal Singh of Uttar Pradesh have been awarded Kirti Chakra posthumously for "exceptional valour, commendable courage, devotion to duty and supreme sacrifice" in this year's Independence Day presidential Awards, announced in New Delhi on August 14 on the eve of the 60th I-Day.

– Kirti Chakra awarded posthumously to two. *Tribune.* August 15, 2006:1.

Vijay Pratap Singh, Kunwar

The India Vision Foundation, New Delhi, will honour Dr S.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, and Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh, SSP, Central Jail, with "India Vision Puraskar-2006" on August 31 in New Delhi.

– Award for VC. *Sunday Tribune.* May 28, 2006: 5.

Vijay Shanker

CBI Director Vijay Shanker has been elected to the executive committee

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of the Interpol. The elections for the executive committee were held in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil on September 22 evening where Mr Shanker was elected a member after he secured the highest number of votes in the elections in which 152 countries participated.

– CBI Director is member of Interpol body. *Sunday Tribune.* September 24, 2006: 2.

Vijay Valmiki

The Haryana police has apprehended a dreaded criminal, who specialised in kidnapping people for ransom as well as extortion. The alleged criminal, Vijay Valmiki, belonging to Narwana in Jind district, was arrested by a special team headed by the SP, Fatehabad, Mr Saurabh Singh from Dehra Dun in Uttaranchal on August 16.

– Dreaded kidnapper held from Dehra Dun. *Tribune.* August 18, 2006: 3.

Vijh, Ashok (Dr)

Dr Ashok Vijh, a world renowned scientist, has done his alma mater - Panjab University - and Chandigarh proud with his election as President of the Academy of Science, the largest academy in the Royal Society of Canada.

– Chandigarh boy president of Canadian Academy of Science. *Tribune.* January 18, 2006: 3.

Vikramjit Singh

Vikramjit Singh scored a hattrick to help India register a 3-1 win over Singapore in the four-nation International Hockey Challenge at Singapore.

– Vikramjit stars in Indian win. *Tribune.* August 04, 2006: 22.

Vikramjit Singh

The Kerala HC on September 29 granted anticipatory bail to Vikramjit Singh, Aluva rural ASP, in view of a complaint by his wife, Dr Jasleen Virk, alleging breach of trust and harassment. Justice J.M. James ordered that if the State police or Maharashtra police arrested Vikramjit, he should be released on bail on executing bond for Rs 25,000 with two solvent sureties for like sum.

– Anticipatory bail for Vikramjit. *Tribune.* September 30, 2006: 2.

The Kerala High Court on October 4 directed Aluva Rural SP Vikramjit Singh to give Rs 15 lakh to his estranged wife and Punjab DGP, S.S. Virk's daughter, Dr Jasleeen, and asked the couple to return to each other the gold ornaments exchanged as gifts at the wedding.

– DGP Virk's son-in-law told to pay Rs 15 lakh. *Tribune.* October 05, 2006: 2.

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Virbhadra Singh

The Chief Minister, Mr. Virbhadra singh, who is the scion of the erstwhile Rampur Bushaihar state and the BJP leader and the former Mandi Lok Sabha MP, Mr. Maheshwar Singh, who is the present scion of the former Kulu State are on a collision course over the proposed $ 135 million Himalayan Ski village in the Manali valley.

– Maheshwar Singh locks horns with CM on ski village. *Tribune.* March 07, 2006: 12.

The Chief Minister, Mr Virbhadra Singh, has been made patron-in-chief of 'My Himachal Group', an NGO, registered as charity organisation in the USA, comprising of overseas Himachalis.

– CM made patron-in-chief. *Tribune.* July 15, 2006: 9.

Mr Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, was conferred the "Shiksha ke Kranti Doot" honour by the state unit of the NSUI in recognition of his contribution in making Himachal a leading state in education in the country.

– NSUI honours Virbhadra. *Tribune.* September 21, 2006: 9.

The BJP on November 28 demanded that the Chief Minister, Mr Virbhadra Singh, should clarify as to who was the person to whom the controversial IPS officer, Mr B.S. Thind, is referring to as "godfather".

– CM must come clean on issue of 'godfather': BJP. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 6.

BJP leader and former Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda has alleged that Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh has been providing protection to former Himachal pradesh DIG Police Bhupinder Singh Thind right from the beginning.

– CM protecting Thind: Nadda. *Tribune.* November 29, 2006: 9.

Virender (Prof)

The Haryana Government has appointed Professor Virender as Political Adviser to the Chief Minister with immediate effect. Professor Virender has taught Hindi and Sanskrit at Jat College, Rohtak, and Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak.

– Prof Virender made Political Adviser. *Tribune.* February 10, 2006: 6.

Virendra Mohan (Lt-Col)

According to sources, the Deputy Judge Advocate-General, Northern Command, Brig C.S. Nair, in his remarks on the CoI, has recommended that administrative action be taken against the accused officer, Lt-Col

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Virendra Mohan.

– Lieut-Col held blameworthy. *Tribune.* June 23, 2006: 1.

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has stayed the operation of an Army order for initiating administrative action against a lieutenant colonel accused of molesting his subordinate officer. The stay was granted this week on a petition filed by Lt-Col Virendra Mohan, posted in the Judge Advocate General's Branch at Headquarters 16 Corps Nagrota. The officer had argued his own case before the court.

– Molestation case: HC stays Army order. *Tribune.* October 14, 2006:6.

Virk, H.S.

The Intelligence community lost a stalwart when Mr H.S. Virk, former Deputy Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB), died on December 31 night. He was 78. He headed IB's operations in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh from 1980-87, the most crucial period in the history of Punjab when militancy was at its peak.

– Former Dy Director of IB dead. *Tribune.* January 02, 2006:3.

Virk, S.S.

The SAD has decided to meet PM Manmohan Singh for the dismissal and registration of a criminal case against the Punjab DGP, Mr S.S. Virk, following the surfacing of his alleged links with terrorists.

– SAD seeks Virk's removal, to meet PM. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006:3.

The terrorist who was registered as dead in the police records but was living in Jalandhar's Mota Singh Nagar by the name of Harjit Singh Kahlon has run away. The terrorist who had put the blame on the serving DGP SS Virk, saying that he was surviving under his patronage shook the police circles on February 16.

– "Dead" terrorist runs away. *Tribune.* February 17, 2006: 5.

The General Secretary of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal, on February 19 demanded the sack and arrest of the DGP Punjab, Mr S.S. Virk for harbouring, aiding and abetting terrorists in the state. Mr Badal said: It was a strange case where the DGP of the State was openly stating that these elements lived under assumed names.

– Arrest Virk for harbouring militants: Sukhbir. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 5.

Wrote Mr Gill in his letter: "My intention was that the attempt to demoralise police officers and men who had fought terrorism at great personal risk and risk to their families, should be protected from malicious campaigns of

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vilification based on prejudiced evidence and being furthered by a section of the judiciary which had been too frightened to act during the days of terrorism, but had been totally subverted through bribery and ideological sympathies, to act in a most prejudicial manner after the end of terrorism."

– KPS Gill writes to CM, defends DGP Virk. *Tribune.* February 24, 2006:22.

The Supreme Court on April 3 dismissed a petition by Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) president Simranjit Singh Mann challenging the appointment of Punjab DGP S.S. Virk on the ground that he was not an IPS officer of the state cadre.

– No to plea on DGP Virk's appointment. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 2.

It is now official. Political interference, political alignments and money power are crippling the functioning of the Punjab Police. The Director-General of Police, Mr S.S. Virk, has shot off a highly confidential letter to all SSPs in the State, pulling them up for entertaining such interference in their day-to-day operations at the district level.

– DGP asks his men to mend ways. *Tribune.* August 31, 2006: 1.

Vishwanathan, Kaavya

Kaavya Vishwanathan's literary fortunes have dwindled too fast. From honour to disgrace, this Harvard graduate has seen too much life in too little time. And she has mostly seen the unsavoury bit — courtesy the games she played with readers.

– Kaavya's act — "morally reprehensible, unpardonable". *Tribune.* April 29, 2006: 3.

Vishwas, Rishi Gautam

A local court has granted bail to Maya Mishra, Principal of the Vishwas Senior Secondary School, and Rishi Gautam Vishwas, chairman of the Vishwas Education Board, in connection with the infamous case of sexual harassment of girl students of the school.

– Bail for Vishwas School Principal, board chief. *Tribune.* September 27, 2006: 7.

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Wadali, Puran Chand

Noted Sufi singer brothers Puran Chand Wadali and Pyare Lal Wadali and three members of their troupe were injured when their Tavera vehicle collided with a stationary truck on the Amritsar-Jalandhar road in the wee hours on October 9.

– Wadali brothers hurt in mishap. *Tribune.* October 10, 2006: 1.

Wadalia, Malveen Kaur

Patiala cyclist Malveen Kaur Wadalia on January 20 struck her third gold by winning the 1,000 metres scratch race (u-17) for girls in the BSA National Track Cycling Championship held at the NIS velodrome in Patiala.

– Malveen strikes third gold. *Tribune.* January 21, 2006: 23.

Walia, Apjit

"India, which was once looked upon as a mere IT destination has become a place of everyone's interest," says Mr Apjit Walia who has been ranked by the Wall Street Journal as one of the top semiconductor analyst — one who analyses the industry from the investment view.

– Apjit makes mark with macro approach. *Tribune.* January 09, 2006: 5.

Walia, S.S. (Dr)

The SGPC-run Sri Guru Ram Dass Charitable Trust on October 28 unceremoniously removed Dr S.S. Walia as Principal of the Medical College with immediate effect. Dr Kultar Singh Batra, a senior Professor of Medicine has been appointed as acting Principal of the College.

– Medical College Principal removed. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006:5.

Wallang, Brian Neil

Chau Myaseng Thoomten of Arunachal Pradesh won the National Rank Award 2006-2007 while Brian Neil Wallang of Meghalaya won the Bolt Award at the finals of the competition jointly organised by Air India and The Tribune and other media partners, held in Mumbai recently.

– National Rank and Bolt award winners. *Tribune.* October 03, 2006: 14.

Wasu, Gagandeep Singh

The Punjab Pradesh Youth Congress President, Mr Raminder Awla, has

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appointed Mr Gagandeep Singh Wasu as spokesman of the Punjab Pradesh Youth Congress with immediate effect. Mr Wasu, a practising lawyer, is former General Secretary of the Punjab Youth Congress. He is the son of former Punjab Advocate-General Joginder Singh Wasu. His mother, Mrs Pritpal Kaur Wasu, is a former Congress MLA.

– Gagandeep is PPYC spokesman. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 4.

William Xalco

Taking no chances, the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) has decided to rush 22-year old full back William Xalco to replace Harpal Singh in the team for the Commonwealth Game in Melbourne. This has been necessitated due to a chicken pox bout contacted by the Namdhari defender a few days ago.

– Xalco to replace Harpal. *Tribune.* March 15, 2006: 18.

Williams, Sunita (Suni)

Another Indian American astronaut, Sunita Williams, is all set to go into space on December 7 with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) clearing space shuttle Discovery for its first night-time launch in four years.

– Sunita Williams set for space odyssey. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 13.

After years in training and two launch countdowns, Sunita Williams on December 10 became the second woman of Indian origin after Kalpana Chawla to reach the orbit along with six other astronauts on board space shuttle Discovery that blasted off into the night sky on a 12-day repair mission to the International Space Station.

– After Kalpana, Sunita soars into space. *Tribune.* December 11, 2006:1.

Indian-American astronaut Sunita 'Suni' Williams joined an elite group of eight other female spacewalkers as she and her veteran colleague Robert Curbeam ventured outside the International Space Station to dislodge a troublesome solar array but failed to get it folded, prompting NASA to add an extra walk in space to get the job done.

– Sunita joins spacewalkers' club. *Tribune.* December 18, 2006: 13.

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Yadav, Ashok

In the recent election for various posts of HAUTA office-bearers and executive, Dr Ashok Yadav was elected president by defeating an earlier incumbent, Dr M.S. Narwal, by a margin of 31 votes. Dr Harish Gulati wrested the post of vice-president, while Dr Raj Singh was elected secretary of the teachers' body.

– New HAUTA team takes over. *Tribune.* December 12, 2006: 14.

Yadav, Bharti

The passport of Bharti Yadav, a key witness in the Nitish Katara murder case and sister of prime accused Vikas Yadav, has been cancelled, paving the way for her deportation to India in connection with the case. The prosecution had been trying unsuccessfully to secure her evidence, considered vital in securing conviction in the case, pending in the Patiala House district courts.

– Bharti's passport cancelled. *Tribune.* March 18, 2006: 11.

Ms Bharti Yadav, on October 11 moved the Delhi HC seeking release of her impounded passport to enable her to come to India and depose before the trial court.

– Bharti Yadav seeks release of passport. *Tribune.* October 12, 2006: 10.

Ms Bharti Yadav, a key prosecution witness in the 2002 murder of Nitish Katara, has arrived in India from London, her lawyer confirmed on November 25. She reached Mumbai on November 24 night and would be present in the Delhi High Court on November 29, lawyer Subhash Bhuttani said.

– Bharti Yadav in India: lawyer. *Sunday Tribune.* November 26, 2006: 8.

Bharti Yadav, a key witness and sister of the prime accused in the Nitish Katara murder case, on November 30 concluded her deposition in New Delhi with her lawyer claiming she has denied a love affair with the victim. The prosecution, however, indicated that she had turned hostile.

– Bharti Yadav turns hostile. *Tribune.* December 01, 2006: 22.

Yadav, Devnath

In its ongoing drive to ensure speedy trials to establish rule of law in the State, the Nitish Kumar Government scored a major success on August 5

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when a Madhubani fast-track court gave life imprisonment to the State President of Samajwadi Party and sitting MLA Devnath Yadav in connection with the murder of Surendra Yadav in 1992.

– MLA gets life term. *Sunday Tribune.* August 06, 2006: 24.

Yadav, Jagjivan Ram

When a dazed septuagenarian Jagjivan Ram Yadav came out of the Faizabad district jail on February 14 evening, he was regaining his freedom after 38 years. He was put behind bars on January 29, 1968. His 39-year-old son Keshav had come to take him back to his village, Mithaura, in Milkipur tehsil.

– Jagjivan regains freedom after 38 years. *Tribune.* February 16, 2006: 17.

Yadav, Jai Prakash Narain

The BJP on October 24 night attacked Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for inducting RJD's Jai Prakash Narain Yadav as Minister of State charging that this amount to "criminalisation of the Government." "It is the prerogative of the Prime Minister to choose his council of ministers but as far as Yadav is concerned, his induction as a Minister of State amounts to criminalisation of the Government as he is a person with a criminal record," Mr Malhotra insisted.

– BJP flays Yadav's reinduction. *Tribune.* October 25, 2006: 12.

The Bhartiya Janata Party on October 25 lashed out at the Manmohan Singh Government saying that bringing back Minister of State for Water Resources J.P. Yadav into the Union Council of Ministers was disappointing and showed that the UPA had scant respect for probity in public life.

– BJP flays UPA for inducting Yadav. *Tribune.* October 26, 2006: 2.

Yadav, Lalu Prasad

In major reprieve to Railway Minister Lalu Prasad and his wife and former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi, the Supreme Court in a two-one majority decisions on August 21 rejected a PIL by two NDA leaders seeking the cancellation of bail for their alleged interference in the judicial process in the disproportionate assets (DA) and Income Tax cases against them.

– SC reprieve for Lalu. *Tribune.* August 22, 2006: 1.

Single-handed, he ensured the ouster of the Arjun Munda Government and made a reluctant Congress president Sonia Gandhi agree to his plan of installing an independent MLA Madhu Koda as the new Chief Minister. A little bird tells us that the ongoing fodder scam case in which the money for the fodder was withdrawn from the Ranchi treasury is believed to be the

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real reason for Yadav's hurry.

– Lalu's Ranchi operation. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 11.

It was Lalu's day out at the IIM-A on September 18. The Railway Minister told the students of the country's premier institute on the journey of the Indian Railways, from being written off two years ago to becoming the second largest profit earning public sector enterprise.

– 'Professor' Lalu's wagon rolls into IIM-A. *Tribune.* September 19, 2006: 15.

RJD supremo Lalu Prasad is now apparently desperate to disturb the established equation between CM Nitish Kumar and the Congress-led UPA at the Centre under the existing federal structure which is vital in view of Nitish Kumar's bid to put the State on the path of development.

– Lalu steps up campaign against Nitish govt. *Tribune.* September 26, 2006: 15.

The NDA in Bihar has accused the UPA of using the CBI politically to exonerate Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav in the multi-crore fodder scam case. The sharp reaction was in the wake of the reported decision of CBI officer R.C. Chowdhary, heading the probe into the fodder scam, to apply for the voluntary retirement scheme (VRS), considerued to be taken under pressure.

– UPA using CBI to save Lalu, says NDA. *Sunday Tribune.* November 05, 2006: 2.

Railway Minister Lalu Prasad says he has ambitions of holding the office of Prime Minister.

– Lalu: The wanna be premier. *Sunday Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 1.

The apex court dismissed petitions filed by Union Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi and former Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal challenging the grant of sanction to prosecute them in corruption cases. The court held that "acts of omission and commission committed during the purported exercise of discharge of official duty under the collar of office cannot form part of the bona fide discharge of official duty by a public servant".

– It gets tough for tainted. *Tribune.* December 07, 2006: 1.

In a major legal victory, Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav and his wife Rabri Devi were on December 18 acquitted of all charges in a seven-year-old disproportionate assets case.

– 'Justice for us'; Lalu, Rabri pray. *Tribune.* December 19, 2006: 1.

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"There is nothing new in his theory. But, the novelty is that he has put it into practice and it has yielded results. That's how he is different from other management gurus," said Simmons Jones, a Harvard student impressed with the classroom session with Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav.

– Lalu Prasad mesmerises Harvard students. *Tribune.* December 28, 2006:1.

Yadav, Mulayam Singh

Uttar Pradesh CM and Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav whose relations with the UPA government are under strain over the phone-tapping issue, on January 18 vacated the house allotted to him after the Government did not agree to his plea to reallot the house to a Member of Parliament from his party.

– Mulayam vacates official bungalow. *Tribune.* January 19, 2006: 2.

While the adverse High Court judgement placed no immediate threat to the Samajwadi Party led Government in Uttar Pradesh, a panic-stricken Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav on February 28 hurriedly brought in and won a vote of confidence on the floor of the Vidhan Sabha.

– Mulayam wins trust vote as BJP, BSP, Cong abstain. *Tribune.* March 01, 2006: 2.

Uttar Pradesh CM Mulayam Singh Yadav has no right, moral and otherwise, to remain in power after the 2:1 verdict of the Allahabad HC in a case relating to the status of the 40 rebel MLAs of the Bahujan Samaj Party. The court has held that former Assembly Speaker Kesrinath Tripathi's rulings validating the 2003 split in the BSP were given in undue haste and in violation of the principles of natural justice.

– Mulayam should bow out. *Tribune.* March 02, 2006: 12.

In a serious setback to Uttar Pradesh CM Mulayam Singh Yadav facing fresh probe by the Income Tax (IT) Department for tax liabilities on alleged disproportionate assets, the Supreme Court on June 7 refused to stay authorities' notices to him and his family members and directed them to submit details of tax returns for the past six years.

– SC seeks tax details from Mulyam family. *Tribune.* June 08, 2006: 2.

In the face of mounting pressure from the Raj Bhawan as well as political parties, Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav and PWD Minister Shivpal Yadav have distanced themselves from their statement in defence of the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

– Mulayam backtracks on SIMI statement. *Sunday Tribune.* July 16,

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Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav on November 11 sharpened his attack on the Opposition parties by daring them to dismiss his government on the charges of irregularities conducted during the recently concluded local body elections.

– Mulayam dares Oppn to oust his government. *Tribune.* November 12, 2006: 2.

Yadav, Neera

A full-Bench judgment of the Allahabad HC on January 25 cleared the decks to start a trial against former Chief Secretary, Neera Yadav.

– All set for trial of former Chief Secretary. *Tribune.* January 26, 2006: 13.

The Uttar Pradesh Lok Ayukta has decided to drop charges of corruption and irregularities against former Chief Secretary Neera Yadav and three other senior IAS officers after it found the complaints against them were unsubstantiated.

– Charges dropped against Neera Yadav. *Tribune.* April 17, 2006: 2.

Yadav, Ram Lakhan

Former Union Minister and octogenarian Congress leader Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, involved in the 1993 JMM MPs bribery case, died at a private hospital in New Delhi on January 17 morning following cardiac arrest. He was 86.

– Ram Lakhan Yadav dead. *Tribune.* January 18, 2006: 2.

Yadav, Sadhu

RJD MP and brother-in-law of Railway Minister Lalu Prasad, Anirudh Prasad, alias Sadhu Yadav, suffered a setback on February 25 when a special vigilance court turned down his prayer for anticipatory bail in the multi-crore flood-relief scam.

– Setback for Sadhu Yadav. *Sunday Tribune.* February 26, 2006: 2.

Sadhu Yadav and eight others have been chargesheeted by the State Vigilance Bureau in connection with the multi-crore rupee flood relief scam.

– Sadhu Yadav, 8 others chargesheeted. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 2.

In a blow to RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, the Patna High Court on May 8 rejected the anticipatory bail petition of his brother-in-law Sadhu Yadav in the multi-crore flood relief scam.

– HC rejects Sadhu Yadav's bail plea. *Tribune.* May 09, 2006: 2.

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The Director-General of Police, Mr Ashish Ranjan Singh, on June 29 issued arrest order against Sadhu Yadav, for allegedly beating up supporters of a rival candidate during the zila parishad mukhiya election in Gopalganj.

– Order to arrest Sadhu Yadav. *Tribune.* June 30, 2006: 2.

Special Vigilance Judge, Ramnivas Prasad on September 11 issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against RJD MP Anirudh Prasad alias Sadhu Yadav in connection with a forgery case and corruption, an off shoot of the multi-crore flood relief scam. As per the case, rupees six lakh were transferred to Mr Yadav's account from that of Santosh Jha, one of the kingpins in the flood relief scam. Mr Yadav's counsel had pleaded that his client had received the amount in lieu of the car he sold to Mr Jha.

– NBW issued against RJD MP Sadhu Yadav. *The Hindu.* September 12, 2006: 3.

In what is apparently a big blow to the Railway Minister, Mr Lalu Prasad, his high profile brother-in-law and RJD MP from Gopalganj, Sadhu Yadav, surrendered before the Special Vigilance Court on December 4. His surrender came in connection with a case of forgery and cheating relating to the multi-crore flood-relief scam that had surfaced in 2004 under the then RJD regime, headed by Ms Rabri Devi. Soon after his surrender before the Vigilance Judge, Mr Munilal Paswan, Sadhu Yadav was sent in the judicial custody till December 12.

– Sadhu Yadav surrenders. *Tribune.* December 05, 2006: 1.

Yadav, Sharad

Mr Sharad Yadav was on April 11 elected President of Janta Dal(U) defeating incumbent George Fernandes in a poll marred by controversy following the last-minute removal of the returning officer and boycott by Mr Fernandes and state units of the party loyal to him.

– Sharad Yadav is new JD (U) chief. *Tribune.* April 12, 2006: 20.

Yadav, Shivpal

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– Mulayam backtracks on SIMI statement. *Sunday Tribune.* July 16, 2006:2.

Yadav, Vikas

The high-profile Nitish Katara murder case took a new turn on May 28

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when a news channel aired confessional statement of Vikas Yadav, the main accused in the case. In his confession statement before the police in the case, Yadav had admitted that he had first hit Katara with a hammer on his head and later burnt his body, the NDTV news channel claimed.

– Vikas Yadav admits to murdering Nitish. *Tribune.* May 29, 2006: 2.

The Supreme Court on December 1 declined to entertain a bail petition of Vikas Yadav, a prime accused in the business executive Nitish Katara murder case.

– SC denies bail to Vikas Yadav. *Tribune.* December 02, 2006: 24.

Yadvinder Singh

Yadvinder Singh struck the first gold for Punjabi University when he clinched the title in the 100 kg weight class of the All-India Inter-University Judo Championship held on the University campus in Patiala on Monday. Anil Kumar of MDU, Rohtak, followed the Patiala lad while Yuvraj Karan Jule of Pune University and Chetan of Kurukshetra University were declared joint third.

– Judo meet. *Tribune.* January 03, 2006: 18.

Yahya, Ghulam

The anti-terrorism squad of the Mumbai police arrested Maulana Ghulam Yahya, a prominent Imam attached to the mosque at Haj House in downtown part of the city, for links with the Laskar-e-Toiba. Police said Yahya coordinated with a terror cell belonging to LeT in Kashmir and was planning an attack in Mumbai.

– Mumbai Imam held for terror links. *Sunday Tribune.* January 15, 2006: 24.

Yaqoob, Mohammad Haji

Adding a new dimension to the anti-Denmark protests, an Uttar Pradesh minister on February 17 declared a cash reward of Rs 51 crore for the person who would behead the Danish cartoonist who drew the controversial cartoons of Prophet Mohammad. Strongly condemning the Minister's statement, a member of the All-India Muslim Personal Board and Naib Imam of the Eidgah Masjid, Maulana Khalid Rashid said the statement was anti-Islamic as it was against the basic teaching of Islam.

– Behead Danish cartoonist, get Rs 51 crore, says UP minister. *Tribune.* February 18, 2006: 1.

Yechury, Sitaram

Ahead of Chinese President Hu Jin Tao's visit to India this month, CPM

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leader Sitaram Yechury will be leading a high level delegation of his party to China. The delegation will include Tripura Chief Minister, Manik Sarkar, who will meet the Chinese Communist Party leaders during the eight-day visit.

– Yechury to lead CPM team to China. *Tribune.* October 09,2006: 15.

Yediyurappa, B.S.

Exuding confidence over the durability of the Janata Dal (Secular)-BJP alliance, BJP President Rajnath Singh on January 29 said BJP's legislature party leader B.S. Yediyurappa would be the party's nominee for Chief Ministership when its turn comes to lead the coalition.

– Yediyurappa to be BJP's choice: Rajnath. *Sunday Tribune.* January 29, 2006: 2.

Yuvraj Singh

Yuvraj Singh and Mahendra Singh Dhoni came together once again to unleash exhilarating strokeplay as India wrapped up the one-day cricket series 4-1 with a resounding eight-wicket victory against Pakistan in Karachi on February 19.

– Yurvaj, Dhoni star in India's win. *Tribune.* February 20, 2006: 18.

Yuvraj Singh hit a sizzling century as India dented England's morale further with a convincing 49-run victory in the third cricket one-dayer in Margao on April 3, a result which left them needing just one win to clinch the series.

– Yuvraj powers India to facile win. *Tribune.* April 04, 2006: 18.

India suffered a big blow ahead of the crucial Champions Trophy match against Australia on October 29 when Yuvraj Singh, injured his left knee on October 28 while warming up with the team at the PCA Stadium at Mohali.

– Yuvraj injured, to miss today's tie. *Sunday Tribune.* October 29, 2006: 1.

The district police chief, Mr Hanif Qureshi said on December 13 evening that a compromise had been reached between Ms Neelam Mahajan and Ms Shabnam Singh in connection with the violent incident at the residence of cricketer Yuvraj Singh that occured last night. Mr Qureshi said that both had decided not to pursue the matter any more.

– Yuvraj, mother sorry for fracas. *Tribune.* December 14, 2006: 1.

In a follow-up to the brawl involving cricketer Yuvraj Singh, a woman on December 15 filed a case in a court in Gurgaon against the cricketer for allegedly beating up her son during the star batsman's birthday party in his house on December 12.

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– Case filed against Yuvraj. *Tribune.* December 16, 2006: 7.

A lower court on December 16 recorded the statements of Ms Neelam Mahajan and her son on the complaint of defamatory remarks and criminal assault on them by Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh, his mother, Ms Shabnam Singh, and others, during the cricketer's birthday bash at his residence in Gurgaon on December 12.

– Yuvraj's birthday bash: Statements recorded. *Sunday Tribune.* December 17, 2006: 2.

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Zakir, Kashmiri Lal (Dr)

The bestowing of the Padma Shri on a city-based scholar, Dr Kashmiri Lal Zakir, is a recognition of his prolific writings and dedicated services for the promotion of literature. Born at Bega Benian in Pakistani Punjab in April, 1919, Zakir had his education in Srinagar and Jammu before he took to teaching after a brief stint in jounalism. Endowed with the intuitive, wisdom and sensibility of a poet and a writer, Zakir has penned novels, short stories, dramas, pen portraits of 70 creative writers and artists and books on his travelogues to the USA, European and African countries.

– Honoured for promoting literature. *Tribune.* January 28, 2006: 3.

Zaman, Fariah

India's Fariah Zaman set a game's record in the women's 100m backstroke with a time of 1:09.05 seconds.

– Swimmers continue to make a splash. *Tribune.* August 21, 2006: 18.

Zargar, Abdul Aziz

The crisis within the ruling Congress-PDP coalition in Jammu and Kashmir deepened on August 31 night with the PDP president, Ms. Mehbooba Mufti, asking Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad to remove Mr. Muzaffar Beig from the post of Deputy Chief Minister and appoint Mr. Abdul Aziz Zargar to the post.

– Mehbooba wants Dy CM changed. *Tribune.* September 01, 2006:1.

Zaroo, Sahil

Sahil Zaroo, the fourth person wanted in the Rahul Mahajan case, on June 3 surrendered before the police in Srinagar.

– Sahil surrenders in Srinagar. *Sunday Tribune.* June 04, 2006: 1.

Zorawar Singh (Col)

The Punjab Government on April 6 appointed, Col Zorawar Singh as member of the Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board (PSSSB).

– H.S. Gill on selection board. *Tribune.* April 07, 2006: 5.

Zubair, Mohammad

Mohammad Zubair, a resident of Bharaich in Uttar Pradesh, was allegedly involved in terror attacks in Varanasi's Sankatmochan Temple and the railway

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– Key suspect in Varanasi blast shot in Kashmir. *Tribune.* May 10, 2006:1.

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Grewal, Harjit Singh. His elevation hailed.
Jaura, Nirmal. Bhagat Singh award for him.
28 **Kashyap, Gopal Krishan.** Chahal responsible for Gopal's death: Jagmeet.
Mattewal, Hardev Singh. Honoured.
Mida, Krishan Kumar. 'Harassed' journalist attempts self-immolation.
Surinder Kaur. Gets Padma Shri.
Zakir, Kashmiri Lal (Dr). Honoured for promoting literature.
29 **Hussein, Shahnawaz.** Replaces Naqvi.
Jaju, Shyam. Is BJP HQ in charge.
Kapoor, Himani. Flooded with Bollywood offers.
Koirala, Manisha. Call to boycott her films.
Malik, Sardar. Dead.
Nilekani, Nandan. IT prodigy reaches dizzy heights.
Sajjan Kumar. Court hands over Sajjan documents to CBI.
Sharma, Rahul. Gets PMs Baton at Republic Day camp.
Yediyurappa, B.S. To be BJP's choice as CM: Rajnath.
30 **Bhupathi, Mahesh.** Wins 10th Grand Slam title.
Deora, Murli. Joins Union Cabinet.
30 **Ganguly, Sourav.** No place for him in one-day squad.
Kaif, Mohammad. Puts UP on top.
Nilekani, Nandan. Infosys CEO on WEF Board.
Purandareswari, D. NTR's daughter given berth to weaken TDP.
Shankardass, Rani Dhavan (Dr). Appointed as penal reform chief.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Joins Union Cabinet.
Soni, Ambika. Joins Union Cabinet.
31 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Leaves on 3-nation tour today.
Anand, Viswanathan. Wins fifth Corus title.
Muttemwar, Vilas. SC notices to Muttemwar.
Sharma, Rajinder Kumar. Former PTU clerk ends life.

February

01 **Bahuria, S.** Is Principal Secy (Finance).
Chellarai, Rajkumar. Indian American nominated to key post.
Gill, Charanjit Singh. Young farmer honoured for diversification.
Lakhanpal, K.R. Appointed as Punjab Chief Secretary.
Mishra, Brajesh. Criticises Indo-US N-deal.
Razdan, Anil. Appointed Addl Secy in Petroleum Ministry.
Sandeep Singh. Strikes gold for Chandigarh Dynamos.
02 **Katyal, J.C. (Dr).** To be HAU Vice-Chancellor.
03 **Gandhi, Sonia.** HC seeks verdicts on her citizenship.
George, Anju Bobby. Honoured.
Rajinder Singh, Jr. Rajinder stays.
04 **Aggrawal, C.L.** His promotion annoys CVC.

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Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr). Medical College Principal shown the door.
Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh. Appointed SAD poll panel chief.
Ganguly, Sourav. He is confident of comeback.
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar. Loses to Akopian.
Gupta, Anjali. Dismissed from service.
Kumaraswamy, H.D. Takes oath as CM.
Lodha, R.S. SC no to quashing trial against him.
Mooshahary, R.S. VRS of BSF chief cleared.
Panta, Lokeshwar Singh (Justice). Justice Panta sworn in as SC Judge.
Subburaman, K. Appointed as Central Bank ED.
05 **Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr).** Accuses trustees of pressure tactics.
Tarlochan Singh. His work lauded.
06 **Ambani, Mukesh.** ADAE fires salvo at him.
Hirwani, Narendra. Retires.
Sabharwal, Y.K. (Chief Justice). CJI for uniform system for judges' recruitment.
Sarna, Paramjit Singh. Sikhs defy Takht directive, honour Sarna.
07 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Completes 100 days in office successfully.
Bhatia, Ashish. Appointed as COO, Fortis hospitals.
Chawla, Navin. Lands in controversy over trust funds.
Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr). SGPC takes tough stand against.
Rakesh Chander. Absorbed in Punjab Police.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Completes 14,000 ODI runs.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Faces disciplinary action.
Thorat, Sukhadeo (Dr). Appointed as UGC chief.
Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Panthic leaders ask him to witdhraw order on Sarnas.
08 **Babbar, Raj.** Suspended from SP Parliamentary Board.
Dravid, Rahul. India, Dravid fined.
Gill, Jai Singh. To head power regulatory panel.
Iqbal Singh. Appointed as SGPC media adviser.
Sahibi, Geeta Ram. Suspended DFO proposed for Padma Shri.
Sandhu, Jaspal Singh (Dr). Nominated on EB of AFSM.
Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col). Tehelka prosecutor alleges interference.
Taslimuddin, Mohammed. Bihar to reopen case against him.
Ambani, Anil. To list firms by March, 2006.
09 **Babbar, Raj.** SP suspends Babbar from primary membership.
Chawla, Navin. Trust funds: CEC to hear him.
Hussain, M.F. His effigy burnt.
Navneet Kaur. Refuses to marry dowry-seeker.
Nayak, Daya. His bail plea rejected.
Sharma, S.K. Appointed as Patiala Range IG.
Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Calcutta spits fire against him.
10 **Girija Devi.** Musahhar woman to address UN session.
Kakodkar, Anil. Atomic reactors plan: top scientists back AEC chief.
Nadira. Passes away.
Navneet Kaur. Her courage wins new groom.
Negi, Parimarjan. Begins with win.
Randhawa, Kuljeet. TV star hangs herself to death.
Virender (Prof). Made Political Adviser to Haryana CM.
11 **Gill, Jai Singh.** Sworn in as Chairman, PSERC.

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Rana, Jaspal. Breaks world record.
Sarna, Paramjit Singh. Sarna brothers freed from boycott diktat.

12 **Dubey, Lillete.** Wins best director award.
Hussain, M.F. VHP burns his effigy.
Sengupta, Deep. Upsets Sarunas.

13 **Dhar, Nikhil.** Charged with intent to murder.
Shahabuddin, Mohammad. RJD on backfoot on him.

14 **Bhagwant Singh.** Kiranjit Katal Kand Action Committee leader dies.
Bikram Singh, O. Completes golden double.
Dhoni, Mahendra Singh. Dhoni's blitz sinks Pak.
Malik, Mohammad Yaseen. PM invites him for talks.

15 **Ishwar Chand (Dr).** Maharishi Balmiki Award for him.
Jaswinder Singh. Wins gold.
Sansar Chand (Dr). Maharishi Balmiki Award for him.
Sharma, Mahavir Prasad. Maharishi Balmiki Award for him.

16 **Abu Salem.** Retracts his confession.
Harwant Kaur. Wins gold.
Jagannathan, Sudheer Nonia. Beaten to death over cartoon row in UAE.
Jaswinder Singh. Bags two titles.
Khushboo. Claims Rs 3 crore as damages.
Krishnaswamy, M. Is new TN Cong chief.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Sachin past his prime: Woolmer.
Yadav, Jagjivan Ram. Regains freedom after 38 years.

17 **Ajwinder Singh.** Re-elected as NRI Sabha chief.
Dhonchak, M.M. Narnaul CJM suspended.
Jain, Reema. Was tortured before death.
Jaitley, Arun. Made Punjab BJP incharge.
Kuldip Singh (Dr). Heads gastro endo surgeons body.
Sinha, Yashwant. In judicial custody.
Virk, S.S. SAD seeks his removal, to meet PM.

18 **Benegal, Shyam.** Benegal nominated to RS.
Bhartia, Shobhana. Bhartia nominated to RS.
Hawara, Jagtar Singh. Fails to appear in court.
Khan, Salman. Sentenced to one year imprisonment.
Malik, Mohammad Yaseen. Favours including ultras in talks.
Natwar Singh, K. ED questions him.
Vatsayan, Kapila. Nominated to RS.
Yaqoob, Mohammad Haji. Behead Danish cartoonist, get Rs 51 crore, says he.

19 **Amrita Pritam.** GNDU to establish Amrita Pritam Museum.
Kalmadi, Suresh. Quits as AFI president.
Kumaraswamy, H.D. Gowda expels him from party.
Mongia, Dinesh. Stars in Punjab victory.
Nayak, Daya. Declared absconder.
Qureshi, Yakub. Haj minister must be arrested: Chawla.
Ramnarayan Das, Sadhu. Main accused in Ayodhya case killed.
Thackeray, Bal. Laments Valentine's Day attack.
Thakur, Viplove. HPCC chief hurt in accident.

20 **Anand, P.L. (Principal).** Is dead.
Dhoni, Mahendra Singh. Stars in India's win.

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Mirza, Sania. Sania-Huber win WTA title.
Sangma, Purno A. Wins Tura LS seat.
Sharma, Man Mohan. Indian on NAE honour list.
Sukhi, Sukhwinder Singh. DGP fears threat to Sukhi's life.
Virk, S.S. Arrest Virk for harbouring militants: Sukhbir.
Yuvraj Singh. Yurvaj stars in India's win.

21 **Dhoni, Mahendra Singh.** Dhoni's ODI ranking soars.
Khushwant Singh. Canadian High Commission felicitates him.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Takes up Mittal issue with Chirac.
Nayak, Daya. Surrenders.

22 **Khosla, Priyanka.** NIFD Director launches airhostess academy.
Lachhman Singh. Dead.
Rajinder Singh, Jr. 'Unhappy' with team selection.
Sharma, Manu. Menu, 8 others acquitted in Jessica murder case.

23 **Amrit Singh.** Fights for Iraqi prisoners.
Singh, N.P. (Dr). Appointed as ISTE regional head.
Sukhi, Sukhwinder Singh. Dullo flays DGP on Sukhi issue.

24 **Deol, Sunny.** Shoots for "Kafila".
Dhoni, Mahendra Singh. Dhoni honoured.
Ganguly, Sourav. He is out of Nagpur Test.
Jain, V.M. (Justice). Dead.
Kinkri Devi. Gets help from USA.
Omar Abdullah. To visit Pakistan.
Tapishar Sher Singh. Canadian Sikh lawyer suspended.
Virk, S.S. KPS Gill writes to CM, defends DGP Virk.

25 **Jayalalithaa, J.** SC talks tough against her.
Lall, Jessica. HC seeks report from Delhi Police.
Mehta, Goverdhan (Prof). USA gives visa to him.

26 **Bedi, Gurmit.** Kathakar Samman for him.
Mehta, Deepa. Top award for her "Water".
Milkha Singh. Milkha, felicitated.
Yadav, Sadhu. Setback for him.

27 **Beant Kaur.** Donates ancestral house to village.
Keshavan, Shiva. Boycotts Olympic closing ceremony.

28 **Bhayana, S.L. (Judge).** Jessica killed, accused freed, judge promoted.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Gets BCCI notice.
Khan, Salman. Charges framed against him.
Mitra, Ashish Kumar. Appointed as BSF chief.
Puri, T.P.S. Puri is BAI Vice-President.

March

01 **Bhatti, J.S.** His licence suspended.
Gurbachan Jagat. Appointed Chairman of UPSC.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. To get Eisenhover Award.
Naidoo, Lutchmyamma. Indian origin woman oldest to contest SA polls.
Shailaja, Pujari. Tests positive for banned drug.
Yadav, Mulayam Singh. Wins trust vote as BJP, BSP, Cong abstain.

02 **Abu Salem.** Gave AK-56 rifles to Dutt, he admits.
Bawa, R.S. (Dr). Non-payment of taxes by him alleged.
Dubey, A.K. Is CMD of FCI.

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Ghamanda Ram. Strides to a new record.
Pradhan, Satendra Dev (Dr). JIC Secy takes charge.
02 **Rabri Devi.** Shows shoe to MLA.
Rana, P.S. Info chief takes oath.
Shailaja, Pujari. IWF slaps provisional suspension on her.
03 **Alok Kumar.** Loses.
Bhupinder Singh. Wins folk-song contest at youth fest.
Dheer, Gautam. Dheer case: HC points to lapses in arrest, release.
Jora Singh. Sets national record.
Khan, Saif Ali. To endorse Chevrolet Avero.
Madan, Arun. Gets 3-yr jail in forgery case.
Shailaja, Pujari. Dropped from C'wealth squad.
Surat Singh, Puranji. Elected Akhand Kiratani Jatha head.
04 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Sabarmati coach fire accidental, says Banerjee.
Ganguly, Sourav. Peeved Ganguly writes to Pawar.
George, Anju Bobby. Leaps to gold medal.
Jayalalithaa, J. Jaya case: SC gives 2 months to trial court.
Mirza, Sania. Bush is a Sania fan.
Naqvi, Mukhtar Abbas. Takes exception to entry of dogs in Rajghat.
05 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Banerjee panel used as tool: BJP.
Bhagwant Singh (Dr). On Asia Pacific dental panel.
Devinder Singh. Permission to prosecute him refused.
Modi, Narendra. Left parties demand his resignation.
Prasanna Kumar, G. Appointed as CEO of Haryana's Mewat Dev Agency.
Rao, K.J. EC pointsman Rao calls it a day.
Ratna. 'Punished' for spilling beans, says Ratna.
Swaraj, Sushma. Rubbishes UC Banerjee panel report.
Tiwari, N.D. Quits as CM of Uttaranchal.
Vaiko. Ditches Karunanidhi, aligns with Jaya.
06 **Mukherjee, Pranab.** Floats new front ahead of Bengal poll.
Nambiar, Vijay Kunhianandan. Nambiar is Annan's special adviser.
07 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Loses RS seat.
Fazili, M.R. Award for scientists, student.
Kuldip Singh (Dr). Gets FRCS.
Lall, Jessica. Jessica murder: fresh case registered.
Maheshwar Singh. Locks horns with CM on ski village.
Saharan, R.P. (Dr). Elected vice-chief of national body.
Sehwag, Virender. Slips in Test rankings.
Shankar, K. Noted film director Shankar dead.
Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col). Protection to Tehelka prosecutor ordered.
Tiwari, N.D. To stay as CM: Congress.
Virbhadra Singh. Maheshwar Singh locks horns with him on ski village.
08 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** HC flays Banerjee panel for publicising report.
Dangi, K.S. (Dr). Appointed D-G of Haryana Animal Husbandry Dept.
Shyam Sundar, P. (Major). Martyr cremated.
Sibal, Hira Lal. Felicitated.
09 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Held at Tanda.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Gets reprieve.
Harjeet Singh (Col-retd). His book on Sikh Light Infantry released.

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Sheikh, Zahira. 1-year jail for her in Best Bakery case.
10 **Dhami, Kanwarpal Singh.** Mohali cops book him for sedition.
Nayeemuddin, Syed. Nayeemuddin sacked.
Rai, Aishwarya. To perform ballet at Melbourne.
Sarabjit Singh. Pak SC upholds death sentence to Sarbjit.
Sharma, Venod. Drop him from Cabinet, demands INLD.
11 **Amar Singh.** Gets EC notice.
Dhaliwal, R.S. (Prof). CBI chargesheets PGI doctor.
Khan, Salman. His sentence stayed.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Richest Indian, in Forbes list.
12 **Balwinder Kaur.** Court annuls her marriage with Hawara.
George, Anju Bobby. Fails to qualify.
Hooda, Bhupinder Singh. Seeks separate High Court for Haryana.
Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col). Petition of Tehelka prosecutor dismissed.
Srivastava, Sanajana. Actress-model shot at.
13 **Bakhshi, Rakesh.** Nominated U-14 team manager.
Ramesh Kumar. Haryana honours Punjabi poet.
14 **Gulati, Sunil.** US soccer chief.
Hussain, Tassadaq. His election held void.
Kasliwal, Abishek. In police custody till March 17.
Lall, Jessica. Delhi Police files appeal in HC.
Varsulkar, Solomon. Indian shines.
15 **Chahal, Sonu.** Boxer commits suicide..
Prameela Valli, B. Out of C' wealth Games.
Sandhu, Gurinderjit Singh. Elected as Golf Club President again.
Sukhmohinder Singh. Promotion to chargesheeted cop: SC quashes HC order.
William Xalco. To replace Harpal.
17 **Chawla, Navin.** NDA leaders seek sack of Navin Chalwa.
Gulia, Navin. Former IMA cadet gets compensation.
Kunjarani Devi, N. Lifts first gold.
Pasrija, Mulkh Raj. Appointed as OIL Chairman.
18 **Ashwani Kumar (Dr).** Officials in dilemma over probe against minister.
Bachchan, Jaya. Disqualified from Rajya Sabha.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. HC vacates stay, asks Dalmiya to reply.
Gandhi, Sonia. After Jaya Bachchan, BJP targets Sonia.
Yadav, Bharti. Her passport cancelled.
19 **Acharya, Damodar (Prof).** Advises to transform higher education.
Arora, Narinder. Shot dead in Kaithal.
Asghar Nabi, Diwan. NIS awaits report on him.
Badal, Parkash Singh. Appears in defamation case.
Chanu, Yamnam Renu Bala. Lifts gold.
Dravid, Rahul. Retained as captain till World Cup.
Josh, Harcharan Singh. Sikhs part of Hindus: Josh.
Jung, Samresh. Shoots golden double.
Lakha Singh (Lieut). Cremated with state honours.
Sarabjit Singh. Pardon Sarabjit, says AIMF.
20 **Josh, Harcharan Singh.** Sikh bodies seek his removal from NCM.
Khurana, Madan Lal. BJP suspends him.
Madaan, Amrit Lal (Prof). English teacher who is a Hindi writer.

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Raghbir Singh. Action against SGPC secy.
Thackeray, Raj. Kicks off new party.

21 **Arjun Singh.** Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Bangar, K.C. His bail plea rejected.
Bhardwaj, Hans Raj. Elected to RS from Haryana.
Bheora, Paramjit Singh. Arrested.
Harpal Singh. Appointed as CII Punjab council chief.
Josh, Harcharan Singh. SGPC chief for his removal.
Khurana, Madan Lal. Accuses Rajnath of being controlled by Advani's 'coterie'.
Kurien, V. (Dr). Quits Amul Board.
Mitra, Sugata (Dr). He brought revolution in computer teaching.
Narayana Rao, Dasari. Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Patel, Praful. Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Sheikh, Zahira. Moves SC to reduce punishment.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Thakur, Viplove. Elected to RS.

22 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Beats Vallejo Pons.
Antil, Seema. Wins silver in discus.
Harpreet Singh. Boxing: Harpreet, assured of medal.
Johnson, Varghese. Assured of medal.
Josh, Harcharan Singh. His *volte face* on definition of Sikhs.
Jung, Samresh. Wins fourth gold.
Kulwant Singh. Elected as chairman of Haryana CCI.
Mishra, Nipendra. Appointed as Trai chief.
Narend Singh. Quits over sex scandal.
Sakshi Maharaj. Expelled from RS.
Sehwag, Virender. Cleared to bat.

23 **Ajit Singh, Sant.** Consents conditionally to head confederation.
Biswas, Asit K. (Prof). Stockholm Water Prize for him.
Dua, Lalit. Sebi bar on his recommendations.
George, Anju Bobby. Qualifies for final.
Jung, Samresh. Golden finish for him again.
Lall, Jessica. Bailable warrants against Manu.
Mehla, Siddharth. 'Highest' pay package for Karnal boy.
Rathore, S.P.S. His trial shifted to Patiala.
Satender Singh. MP targets Civil Aviation Chief.

24 **Arasu, R.K.T.** Recalled as diplomat.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. HC reprieve for Dalmiya.
Deve Gowda, H.D. Leaders want him to quit as JD(S) chief.
Gandhi, Sonia. Quits Lok Sabha.
Jung, Anuja. Anuja shoots gold.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Shoots gold.
Singh, J.J. (Gen). Leaves for Melbourne.

25 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Sonia's resignation publicity stunt: BJP.
Jitender Kumar. Cash reward for him.
Mallya, M.D. Appointed as Bank of Maharashtra CMD.
Mirza, Sania. Sania crashes out.
Narang, Gagan. Narang clinches gold.
Subbu, B.V.R. Subbu bids adieu to Hyundai.

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Tendulkar, Sachin. Slips to lowest ranking in 13 years.
Vatsayan, Kapila. Quits Rajya Sabha.
Verma, Abhishek. Advani, arms dealer framed me in Scorpene deal: Abhishek.
Verma, R.C. (Principal). DPI reinstates college Principal.

26 **Akhil Kumar.** Wins boxing gold.
Ambani, Anil. Resigns from Rajya Sabha.
Anand, Chetan. Wins bronze.
Brar, Jagmeet Singh. CM writes to Sonia against him.
Guha, Subhra. Reflecting nuances of Agra tradition.
Sharath Kamal, Achanta. Storms into TT final.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Leaves for London.
Thakur, Arti. Is Mrs India World.

27 **Biswas, Anil.** Dead.
Dataokar, Alona. Miss Asia-Israel title for her.
Patkar, Medha. Detained, released.
Patkar, Medha. Seeks rehabilitation of displaced.
Shankar, Mamata. Enjoys reputation of a classic 'modern' dancer.
Sharath Kamal, Achanta. Bags TT gold.

28 **Atwal, Charanjit Singh.** To attend SAARC Speakers' meeting.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Grilled for over seven hours.
Dravid, Rahul. Walks out of press conference.
Mathew, Thomas. Appointed as LIC MD.
Minhas, P.S. (Dr). Karnal scientist honoured.
Narang, Gagan. Books Olympic berth.

29 **Harbhajan Singh.** Spoils England party.
Mohan Singh, Bhai. Cremated.
Nair, M.V. Appointed as Union Bank CMD.
Raju, Edwin. ASI inquiry panel grills him.
Sehwag, Virender. Clamour for Viru's head gains momentum.
Vijay Kumar. His father wants him to win Olympic gold.

30 **Bansi Lal.** Thousands bid adieu to him.
Jyotsana. Haryana boxer feels ignored.
Khan, Aslam Sher. Quits IHF selection committee.
Patkar, Medha. Begins fast.
Ramani, Bina. HC refuses her permission to go abroad.

31 **Avtar Singh.** SGPC ex-chiefs gun for him.
Barua, Jahnu. 'Maine Gandhi Ko Nahi Mara' gets award.
Haider Raza, Syed. His paintings fetch $ 1m each.
Mehta, Tyeb. His paintings fetch $ 1m each.
Patel, Jayant (Dr). Indian doctor banned in Queensland.
Rawat, Sunny. Confesses to killing Meher.
Tahiliani, R.H. (Admiral-Retd.). Moves SC on Scorpene deal.

April

01 **Bose, Biman.** Elected CMP state secy.
Dhoni, Mahendra Singh. Dravid salutes young guns.
Koshy Koshy. To join CRPF.
Raina, Suresh. Steers India to thrilling win.
Singla, Surinder (Dr). TB specialist honoured.
Vaiko. Not to contest poll.

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02 **Pariyar, Vimal.** Pariyar stars in India's win.
Sarabjit Singh. Sends mercy petition to Musharraf.
Singh, A.K. Decorated.
03 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Joins 2,800-point club.
Baskaran, V. Tipped as new coach.
Brar, N.S. (Lt-Gen). Takes over command of Chetak Corps.
Chaudhary, Anuj. Wins gold.
Cheema, Palwinder Singh. Palwinder wins gold.
Harpreet Singh. Boxer honoured.
Mahajan, Promod. Invites EC wrath.
Rakesh Kumar. Involved in human trafficking?
Sodhi, P.S. Punjab persists with controversial officer as LAC.
04 **Anand Satyanand (Justice).** Ethnic Indian New Zealand's Governor-General.
Bala Ram. INA veteran cremated with honours.
Bhaskaran, Vasudevan. Appointed chief coach.
Butail, K.G. Heads tea planters' body.
Gagan Ajit Singh. To lead India.
Joshi, Sanjay. Reinstated.
More, Sunil. Rapist cop gets 12 yrs.
Patkar, Medha. Soz urges Patkar to call off fast.
Satyender. Judo champion found murdered.
Sodhi, P.S. LAC Sodhi facing contempt proceedings.
Surinder Arjun. Durgiana panel alleges embezzlement against him.
Vajpayee, Naveen Chand. Replaces Chief Secretary of UP.
Virk, S.S. No to plea on DGP Virk's appointment.
Wasu, Gagandeep Singh. Appointed as PPYC spokesman.
Yuvraj Singh. Powers India to facile win.
05 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Interrogated by Mumbai police.
Ghoshroy, Subrata. NRI accuses US Congress body of concealing fraud.
Harpreet Singh. Declared as best judge.
Jayalalithaa, J. Starts poll campaign.
Malik, M.S. Elected as President of Haryana SWA.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). EC collects CD of PM's speech.
Rajinder Singh, Jr. IHF ruining Indian hockey: Rajinder.
Rajput, Sanjeev. Sets new record.
Rakesh Kumar. Admitted to Munich hospital.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Takes oath as RS member.
Sindhu Joy. Free Kerala SFI chief, demands association.
Swaraj, Sushma. Takes oath as RS member.
06 **Asghar Nabi, Diwan.** Refuses out-of-court settlement.
Azad, Ghulam Nabi. No NC nominee against him.
Baljinder Singh. 7-yr RI in dowry case.
Chakraborty, Subhas. EC files FIR against him.
Gandhi, Sonia. Quits as Jallianwala Trust chief.
Gill, K.P.S. 'Supercop' Gill to take on Chhattisgarh Maoists.
Gupta, Dinesh. To perform in Mumbai.
Jung, Samresh. Gets David Dicksen Trophy.
Khanna, Arvind. Has been mostly absent from House.
Sodhi, P.S. Sodhi removed as LAC, AG tells HC.

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07 **Bhutia, Baichung.** Arrest warrant against him.
Gill, Harminder Singh. On selection board.
Harbhajan Singh. Editor of the Indian Observer dead.
Jha, V.K. Held in Navy war-room leak case.
Modi, Lalit. Zee to sue him.
Parashar, Kulbhushan. Held.
Patkar, Medha. JNU staff, students back her cause.
Rana, Vinod. Held in Navy war-room leak case..
Sarabjit Singh. Conversion will not help him, says Pak Law Minister.
Satyender. Judoka was murdered by fellow players.
08 **Bhagyaraj, K.** Deserts AIADMK.
Digvijay Singh. Wins.
Gill, Jaswinder. Divested of assets for fake marriages.
Kotwal, Koushal. To contest against Azad.
Mukherjee, Pranab. BJP asks him to quit on Navy leak.
Patkar, Medha. Gets international support.
Thorat, Y.S.P. Appointed as Nabard chief.
09 **Advani, Lal Krishna.** Suit filed against him.
Arjun Singh. EC questions him on quota.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Fresh allegations of fund misuse against him.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Pawar to decide Dalmiya's fate.
Deshmukh, Nanaji. Gets Nanesh Samata award.
Jakhar, Krishan Kumar (Dr). Professor awarded.
Pujari, Shailaja. Life ban slapped on her.
10 **Abraham, John.** Is hurt in mishap.
Deepak Singh Jagannath Singh (Deepu). Salem's hit man escapes from UP jail.
Edwin Raju. Life ban slapped on him.
Jain, D.K. (Chief Justice). To be sworn in as SC Judge.
Jung, Samresh. Wins title with ease.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Richest Asian in UK.
Rahi, B.R. School Board chief gets 2-yr extension.
Tejinder Singh. Life ban slapped on him.
11 **Bains, Gurbhajan Singh.** Veteran wins laurels.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. BCCI suspends him.
Gandhi, Sonia. Quits all posts of "profit".
Khan, Salman. Gets 5 yrs for poaching.
Satyender. Judokas murder: accused surrender.
Sood, K.C. (Justice). Retires.
Soz, Saifuddin (Prof). Soz submits report on Sardar Sarovar visit.
Vijay Kumar. Shines.
12 **Amanpreet Singh.** Wins gold.
Bansi Lal. His house locked over family squabbles.
Ilyas Ali. Jailed in USA.
Kaif, Mohammad. Drop Kaif: Kapil.
Mankotia, Vijai Singh (Maj). Dares CM to sue him.
Noon, Sir Gulam. Misses Peerage.
Patel, Chai. Miss Peerage.
Ramalinga Raju, B. Appointed as Nasscom chief.
Sarabjit Singh. 56 bodies seek clemency for Sarabjit.

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Sehwag, Virender. Drop Sehwag: Kapil.
Sharma, Anuj. Crescent Club honours him.
Yadav, Sadhu. He and 8 others chargesheeted.
Yadav, Sharad. Elected as new JD (U) chief.

13 **Arjun Singh.** EC seeks further clarification from him.
Dutt, Barkha. 'Journalist of the Year' award for her.
Malik, Mohammad Yaseen. Calls for poll boycott.
Mohanty, B.H. DGPs son gets 7 yrs for German girl's rape.
Rajkumar. Actor Rajkumar dead.
Sarabjit Singh. Kalam assures all help to Sarabjit, claim kin.
Sawant, Tejaswini. Tejeswini pips Anjali to win gold.
Tirkey, Dilip. I am fit to play: Tirkey.

14 **Dogra, Harish Kumar.** Envoy to New Zealand faces action.
Geeta Rani. Geeta Rani honoured.
Harcharan Singh (Dr). Playwright's death mourned.
Javed. Dead; friends ransack ICU, detained.
Jung, Samresh. Shoots gold.
Kaif, Mohammad. Time running out for Kaif.
Khan, Salman. Granted bail.
Patkar, Medha. Willing to furnish bail bond.
Rajinder Singh, Jr. Rajinder Jr slams IHF.
Rajkumar. Cremated amid chaos.
Sidhu, K.B.S. CBI raids his houses .

15 **Kaif, Mohammad.** Gets Dravid's backing.
Pandey, A.P. Shifted as Punjab Vigilance chief.
Rakesh Kumar. Booked MEA man arrives.
Sehwag, Virender. Gets Dravid's backing.
Thakur, Nandlal. Minsiter's kin gets transfer stalled.

16 **Abu Salem.** Chargesheeted in Dewani murder.
Amarinder Singh (Capt). 'CM hampering probe'.
Chawla, Navin. PIL seeks removal of Chawla as EC.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Gets another show-cause notice.
Dogra, Harish Kumar. Moves CAT against Saran.
Gawli, Arun. Booked.
Khan, Aamir. Protests against him.
Khan, Shamim. Wins title.
Nataraj, R. EC wants Chennai Police Commissioner replaced.
Patkar, Medha. Her condition deteriorates.

17 **Brijendra Singh, Raja.** Dead.
Das, Amitabh. Sex abuse by IPS officer: report submitted.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Wins China Open.
Modi, Narendra. Begins fast; Medha Patkars effigy burnt.
Yadav, Neera. Charges dropped against her.

18 **Hazarika, Bhupen.** Suffers stroke.
Kapur, Neha. To launch NIFD's global look.
Kurien, V. (Dr). Appointed as first Chancellor of Allahabad varsity.
Modi, Narendra. Breaks fast.
Murmu, Salkhan. Adivasi leader begins fast.
Patkar, Medha. Ends fast.

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Sandhu, Manavjit Singh. Clinches gold.
Sarathkumar, R. Joins AIADMK.
Shahabuddin, Mohammad. His bail plea rejected.
19 **Goswami, R. (Maj-Gen).** In dock on graft charges.
Hussain, M.F. His "Mother Teresa" tops auction.
Karan Singh (Dr). Goes as PM's envoy to Nepal.
Katiyar, Vinay. BJP to field him against Sonia.
Sharma, Manu. Manu, 6 others get bail in Jessica case.
20 **Bedi, Harmohinder Singh.** Honoured.
Dogra, Harish Kumar. Govt cracks whip against him, Ernst new envoy.
Ernst, K.P. Appointed new envoy of India to New Zealand.
Firdaus. Murder accused gunned down.
Mehta, U.S. Court of inquiry against BSF Commander.
Mittal, Sunil Bharti. CII chief.
Mukesh Kumar. Sets greens ablaze.
Nawab Singh. Appointed Registrar-General of Punjab & Haryana HC.
Seshasayee, R. Appointed CII chief.
Singh, H.P. (Dr). Pathak releases his book on weed management.
21 **Anjani Kumar.** Stabbed.
Daljit Singh Bittu. Cops whisk him away.
Deulgaokar, Atul Chandrakant. Gets Prem Bhatia award.
Karan Singh (Dr). Returns from Nepal with hope.
Malhotra, Inder. His 2nd biography on Indira released.
Sabharwal, Ashwani. Appointed as Chief Architect of Haryana.
22 **Desai, Ramesh.** Dead.
Mukesh Kumar. Pips Mundy for golf title.
Udit Narayan. His first wife surfaces.
23 **Mahajan, Promod.** Shot at.
24 **Babbar, Raj.** Jan Morcha is set up by him.
Dharam Pal. Delhi Police rider bag top honours.
Goni, Aslam. Grenade attack on former Advocate-Gen's house.
Jha, Prakash. Offers to build Bihar roads.
Nischol, Navin. His wife commits suicide.
Udit Narayan. Gets notice for bigamy by women's body.
25 **Dhaulpuri, Mehmood.** His love for harmonium earns him Padma Shri.
Mahajan, Promod. On dialysis, remains critical.
Natwar Singh, K. Justice Pathak issues second notice to him.
Srinath, Javagal. Appointed as match referee.
26 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** Complaints against him referred to EC.
Ashok Singh. Gunned down.
Haridas, Sujith. Appoined as CII northern region Director.
Rana, Sher Singh. Prime accused in Phoolan murder case arrested.
27 **Ansari, Yusuf.** Pens book on Sonia.
Balbir Singh. Is best Sikh hockey player.
Bhardwaj, P.C. (Maj-Gen). Apologises in court in contempt case.
Gupta; Abhijeet. Thumping win for him.
Ramesh Chandra (Prof). His resignation accepted.
Sibal, Kapil. Says no to quota hike in colleges.
28 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Wins by record margin.

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Gavaskar, Sunil. PCB wants Gavaskar out of ICC panel.
Gulati, Saurabh. Selected.
Mukesh Kumar. To sell house for hockey academy.
Rajpurohit, Anant. Gallops to victory.
Sidhu, Amarjeet Singh. Appointed DIG, Chandigarh Range.

29 **Chaudhary, Meenaxi Anand.** No extension for her.
Feroz Khan. His comments in Pakistan kick off row.
Gavaskar, Sunil. BCCI puts its weight behind Gavaskar.
Harcharan Singh (Dr). Honoured.
Jagir Kaur, Bibi. Expedite Bibi's case, SC tells HC.
Kanjhla, Gobind Singh. His election held void.
Mukesh Kumar. Wins Noida Open.
Natwar Singh, K. Cong unhappy over his remarks.
Vishwanathan, Kaavya. Kaavya's act — "morally reprehensible, unpardonable".

30 **Bharti, Uma.** Launches Bharatiya Jana Shakti.
Gandhi, Maneka. Heads Energy Globe Jury.
Gaur, J.R. (Dr). Compendium released.
Hooda, K.D.S. (Maj). Wins tent pegging title.
Rai, Sonia. Wins bronze in shooting.
Suryanarayanan, K. Taliban abduct him in Afghanistan.
Talukdar, Jayant. Leads in archery meet.
Udit Narayan. Summoned in bigamy case.

May

01 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Takes oath as J&K CM.
Malik, V.P. (Gen). Releases book on Kargil war.
Suryanarayanan, K. Taliban behead him before deadline.

02 **Akula, Vikram.** Among top 100 most influential people.
Bedi, Monica. Moves SC for bail.
Prashant, Prem. Appointed Chief Secy.
Rao, C.N.R. (Prof). Appointed as National Research Professor .
Seshadri, C.S. (Prof). Appoinetd National Research Professor.
Sethuraman, S.P. Secures maiden IM norm.
Siddiqui, Obaid (Prof). Appointed as National Research Professor.

03 **Ansari, Shakrullah.** Hanged in Kuwait.
Arjun Singh. Fights battle against RSS in court.
Buddhia Singh. Enters Limca Book of Records.
Kohli, Sumit (Capt). Family contests Army version.
Kohli, Sumit (Capt). Army orders probe into his death.

04 **Mahajan, Promod.** Dead after 12-day battle for life.
Pathan, Irfan. Third in all-rounders list.

05 **Chandhok, Karun.** To race in Formula Asia.
Mongia, Dinesh. Hits 165 for Leicester.
Patkar, Medha. Approaches NHRC.
Surinder Arjun. Probe against him ordered.

06 **Anita Kumari.** Tops HP Class XII exam.
Ashok Kumar. Wins golf title.
Atwal, Charanjit Singh. Leads delegation to Nairobi.
Dhillon, Kewal. Is Arts Council chief.
Goyal, R.D. Cong leader jailed for cheating.

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Krishan Lal. Tops HP Class XII exam.
Naushad Ali. Naushad dies at 86.
Ramdev, Swami. Fears threat to life.
07 **Chautala, Ajay.** His house raided, car seized.
Jindal, Naveen. New HOA chief.
Sethi, R.P. (Justice). Resigns as SAC Chairman.
08 **Karmakar, K.G. (Dr).** Appointed as Nabard MD.
Phool Man Singh Nirankari. Dead.
Priyanka. Allowed to stay in Rae Bareli.
Tyagi, S.P. (Air-Chief-Marshal). Air Chief turns skydiver.
09 **Bachchan, Jaya.** SC dashes Jaya's hope.
Deulgaokar, Atul Chandrakant. Prem Bhatia awards presented to him.
Navika Kumar. Prem Bhatia awards presented to him.
Pruthi, Mona. Delhi girl tops IAS exam.
Randhir Singh. On IOTF Board.
Yadav, Sadhu. HC rejects his bail plea.
10 **Dogra, Sunita.** Allowed a "scribe" for UPSC exam.
Sehwag, Virender. BCCI warns Sehwag.
Sinha, S.K. New PPSC chief takes oath.
Zubair, Mohammad. Key suspect in Varanasi blast shot in Kashmir.
11 **Daljit Singh Bittu.** Khalsa Dal chief granted bail.
Das, Kamala. Donates property.
Pitroda, Sam. Meets PM amid rift on OBC quota.
Ramdev, Swami. Special security for him.
Shahabuddin, Mohammad. Trades blows in jail.
Sharma, R.K. Bail plea put off in Shivani case.
Valiyakath Ebrahim Kutty Abdul Saleem. Indian wins jackpot.
12 **Azad, Desh Prem.** To launch cricket academy.
Gandhi, Sonia. A vindication for Sonia.
Narang, P.D. New PTL Chairman.
13 **Mahto, Bir Singh.** MP gets 10-yr jail for rape.
Malhotra, Jitender (Dr). Doctor awarded.
Nandwal, A.S. (Dr). Award presented.
Sandhu, Manavjit Singh. Books Olympic berth.
Shankaran, Ravi. Interpol notice on kin of Navy chief.
Sharma, Shilpa. Tops H.P. Class X exam.
14 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Outplays Topalov.
Bajpai, R.P. (Dr). GJU V-C honoured.
Chandhok, Karun. Grabs pole position.
Jindal, Naveen. His election challenged.
Mohanty, J.K. (Lieut-Gen). Appointed Colonel of Dogra Regiment.
Munshi, Shyan. Main witness of Jessica murder held for perjury.
Naik, Surupsingh. Indicted ex-minister sent to jail.
15 **Gogoi, Tarun.** Sworn in Assam Chief Minister.
Suryanarayanan, K. Indian engineer killed on Pakistan's order: Taliban.
Talukdar, Jayant. Hits gold.
16 **Dogra, Harish Kumar.** His diplomatic passport revoked.
Gill, Vikas. HC for declaring him PO.
17 **Jung, Samresh.** Felicitated.

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Sasikiran, Krishnan. Beats Malakhov.
Soch, Narinder Singh (Dr). Passes away.

18 **Hooda, Krishan Moorti.** Joins BJP.
Nambiar, K.T.G. (Maj-Gen). Maj-Gen found guilty of corruption.
Nripender Singh. Joins BJP.

19 **Bhattacharjee, Buddhadeb.** Sworn in as W.B. CM.
Dhawan, Manish. Tops ICSE exam in Punjab.
Gairola, P.L. Appointed as Dena Bank CMD.
Khan, Feroze. Barred from entering Pak
Marandi, Babulal. Resigns BJP and Lok Sabha membership.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Launches Arcelor bid.
Pramanik, Pinki. Stars as India grab 3 gold.

20 **Chawla, Navin.** BJP challenges Chawla's appointment.

21 **Anand, Sat Paul (Prof).** Honoured.
Burman, Ratan Chand. Dabur patriarch passes away.
Dias, Ivan. Mumbai's archbishop is Vatican's prefect.
Harcharan Singh (Dr). Harpal Tiwana Award for him.
Kanan, D. Dead.
Verma, Satish. Harpal Tiwana Award for him.
Parwinder Singh. Parwinder wins.

22 **Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh.** Books Beijing berth.
Talukdar, Jayant. Gets Rs 1 lakh prize money.

23 **Beteille, Andre.** Quits PM's knowledge panel.
Mehta, Pratap Bhanu. Quits PM's knowledge panel.
Nazuk Kumar. National Bal Shree Award for him.
Pramanik, Pinki. Wins two gold medals.
Sahai, S.M. Appointed as IGP of Kashmir.

24 **Hussain, M.F.** Withdraw his exhibition: forum.
Kashyap, Subhash C. Lok Sabha admonishes ex-Secy-Gen Kashyap.
Kashyap, Subhash C. BJP MPs quit on Kashyap issue.
Pandey, Ashutosh. Lucknow SSP on 'Hall of Shame' list.

25 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Quits as film development body chief.
Karora, Balbir Singh (Dr). He is Disability Panel Chief.
Mahajan, Raghu. UT boy tops engineering entrance test.
Sangha, G.S. Appointed Hockey umpire.

26 **Akbar, M.J.** Akbar is president of Mohammedan Sporting Club.
Jagtar Singh, Baba. Installs palanquin at Darbar Sahib.
Jain, N.C. (Dr). Dead.
Khan, Aamir. Says he will not apologise.
Raha, Subir. Retires as ONGC chief.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Loses gun.
Tirkey, Dilip. Back as captain.

27 **Chopra, Varun.** Breaks 109-year-old record.
Jung, Samresh. Olympic berth eludes him again.
Pramanik, Pinki. Claims golden double.
Purwar, Arun Kumar. Charged with fudging DoB records.
Sadhu, Rakesh. Notorious criminal Sadhu shot dead.

28 **Bhutia, Baichung.** Declared NFL's best player.
Das, Neelotpal. Negi bags IM title.

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Kapoor, Anil. Anil Kapoor, condemns 'Fanaa's ban.
Kirpal Singh (Prof). Donate rare manuscripts for posterity.
Singh, S.P. (Dr). India Vision Foundation Award for GNDU VC.
Singh, T.P. Documentary on Maharaja Ranjit Singh.
Sodhi Ram. Syndicate nod for action against him.
Vijay Pratap Singh, Kunwar. India Vision Foundation Award for him.

29 **Ahuja, Kirti.** Gets 98.2 pc in Punjab Class X.
Bachchan, Amitabh. To endorse ADAG.
Jai Parkash. Acquitted.
Mittal, Vipul. Panipat boy tops Class X exam with 98.6 pc.
Nehwal, Saina. Wins Philippines Open.
Yadav, Vikas. Admits to murdering Nitish.

30 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Appears at BJP meeting.

31 **Chattopadhaya, Sidharth.** Shifted to BSF.
Chaturvedi, B.K. Gets year's extension.
Khan, Aamir. Hrithik backs him, flays Modi.
Khera, Shiv. Pro-quota students to sue him.
Roshan, Hrithik. Backs Aamir, flays Modi.
Roy, Arundhati. Spanish prize for her.
Thakur, Hitender. Mandi in shock over murder.

June

01 **Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr).** Hospital trust divided over his reinstatement.
Natwar Singh, K. Pathak panel examines him.

02 **Gopichand, Pullela.** Replaces Vimal as national coach.
Kapoor, Gaurav. Granted bail.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). A weak PM: Mann.
Raha, Subir. Regrets 'distortion' of ONGC performance.
Sharma, Satinder. To umpire in hockey World Cup.

03 **Ashwani Kumar (Dr).** To lead delegation to US.
Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed). Detained.
Janni, Hans Raj. Appointed as Director, Prosecution of Haryana.
Kapoor, Gaurav. Released.
Mahajan, Rahul. On life support.
Thind, J.S. (Brig). To head Territorial Army Group.

04 **Moitra, Bibek.** He was poisoned, says Munde.
Narang, Gagan. Books 2nd Olympic quota berth.
Sethi, Geet. Wins world pro title.
Zaroo, Sahil. Surrenders in Srinagar.

05 **Mir, Ashraf.** Held in sex racket.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Warrants issued against ADGP.

06 **Bachchan, Jaya.** SC no to stay on her bypoll.
Bajaj, Rahul. Files papers for RS seat.
Bhamjee, Sadera. Murdered in South Africa.
Mahajan, Rahul. Arrested.
Rajinder Nath. He is HCCI chief.

07 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Gets 2-day police remand.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Receives Koirala at airport.
Raha, Subir. Non-extension to him annoys PSU top brass.
Sukh Ram. His appeal rejected.

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Vidyadhar, J.B.S. Vidyadhar qualifies.
08 **Bhopinder Banta Singh.** Sets Asian record.
Narayana Rao, Dasari. Harasses daughter-in-law.
Padhi, K.S. Sex racket: BSF DIG surrenders; remanded.
Sharma, Harish. Pramod Mahajan's key aide gets bail.
Yadav, Mulayam Singh. SC seeks tax details from Mulyam family.
09 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Makes historic sortie in fighter jet.
Bachchan, Jaya. Elected to RS unopposed.
Mahajan, Rahul. 14-day judicial remand for him.
Sehwag, Virender. Sehwag fined, Lara let off.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Warrants against ADGP Thind returned.
10 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** IT notice to him.
Chanchal, Narendar. Arrest warrants against him.
Heena. Nawanshahr girl tops in Punjab matric exam.
Sheikh, Zahira. Her properties attached.
Sridhar, Anup. Bows out.
Thackeray, Bal. No respite for him in defamation case.
11 **Katiyar, Vinay.** Booked.
Narayana Murthy, N.R. To step down.
Pandey, Mata Prasad. UP Speaker disqualifies him.
Vajpayee, Atal Bihari. To lead protest against fuel price hike.
Verma, Sahib Singh. Booked.
12 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** IT notice to him on bungalow.
Gowda, Vikas. Wins discus gold.
Khera, Rohan. Selected for Biology Olympiad.
Mika Singh. Kiss by him kicks up a row.
Sawant, Rakhi. Kiss by Mika kicks up a row.
Sultanpuri, K.D. Dead.
13 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Clinches title in style.
Bansal, Parkash. Tops CET.
Surinder Arjun. 'Manhandled'.
14 **Indravesh, Swami.** Dead.
Srivastava, Babloo. Babloo's plea rejected.
Surinder Arjun. Seeks protection.
15 **Bhatt, Mahesh.** Firing at his office.
Gogoi, Tarun. Admitted to AIIMS.
Mahajan, Rahul. Gets bail.
Mirza, Sania. Sania wins.
16 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Wins M'rashtra RS seat.
Dravid, Rahul. Dravid back at No. 2 in Test rankings.
Surinder Kaur. Punjab's Nightingale is no more.
Tharoor, Shashi. India's candidate for UN top job.
17 **Amar Singh.** OoP case: Says he broke no rules.
Chakraborthy, Susmita. Shoots herself.
Sawant, Rakhi. Moves NCW.
Sharma, J.K. Appointed as SJVN Director (Civil).
Tharoor, Shashi. Pak may challenge his nomination.
18 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** His 'Black' bags major IIFA awards.
Mika Singh. Anticipatory bail for him.

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Mukherjee, Rani. 'Black' bags major IIFA awards.
19 **Chadha, Gurinder.** Honoured.
Mittal, Sunil Bharti. CEO of the year.
Pattabhiraman, S. (Lt-Gen). Suspend Army Vice-Chief, says Sushma.
Tharoor, Shashi. Unfazed by Pak challenge.
20 **Birmi, Malkiat Singh.** Sacked.
Grewal, G.S. Markefed gets new MD.
Khanna, Avinash Rai. To stay BJP president.
Sawant, Rakhi. Refuses out-of-court settlement.
21 **Chopra, Yash.** Punjab CM honours him.
Kulbir Singh (Bira). In Phillaur jail.
22 **Arun Prakash (Admiral).** Flies MiG-29.
Birla, Kumar Mangalam. Joins as Idea Chairman.
Narayanan, M.K. To visit China.
Sethi, Anil. J&K ex-Advocate-Gen surrenders.
Tharoor, Shashi. Meets Kalam, Vajpayee.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). Centre asks for his explanation.
23 **Choudhary, Virender.** Elected chief of Greenwich students' union.
Mir, G.A. His arrest setback to Azad.
Mir, Javid Ahamd. Arrested.
Virendra Mohan (Lt-Col). Held blameworthy.
24 **Akhtar, Javed.** Pakistan denies visa to him.
Calcutta, Manjit Singh. SAD gives show-cause notice to him.
Harikrishna, Pendyala. Records win.
Kunderan, Budhisagar (Budhi) Krishnappa. Dead.
Negi, S.C. Oldest Indian scales Mt Everest.
25 **Akhtar, Javed.** Will go to Pakistan only on Pervez's invite.
Jalota, Sohan Lal. Quits Congress.
Kulbir Singh (Bira). SAD(A) activists back him.
Mahajan, Rahul. Two Mahajan aides questioned.
Pandey, Sunil. 'Drunk' JD(U) MLA leaves Nitish red-faced.
26 **Nag Chowdhury, B.D.** N-scientist dead.
Pandey, Sunil. FIR against MLA lodged.
Rajeshwar, T.V. Adviser issue: Governor leaves for Delhi.
Singh, V.P. Finds virtues in Sonia.
27 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Flays Pakistan over dialogue with India.
Jah, Mukarram. To pay $700,000 mehr to third wife.
Khan, Salman. Notice to him for 'misleading court'.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. To become President of Arcelor-Mittal.
Rizvi, Nazim. Film maker Rizvi returns to jail — for shooting.
28 **Gupta, K.K.** Appointed as ST panel secretary.
29 **Aditya Vikas.** Emerges surprise leader.
Shan, Harnam Singh (Dr). Sikh scholar invited to USA.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Slips out of top 20.
Udit Narayan. Panel to issue warrant against him.
30 **Chawla, Navin.** Chawla defends family trusts' role.
Gopalaswami, N. Takes over as CEC.
Singh, V.P. Sticks to his version.
Vasan, G.K. Wins P.V. Sukhatme National Award.

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Yadav, Sadhu. Order to arrest him.

July

01 **Bajwa, A.S. (Lt-Gen).** Lt-Gen is D-G, Artillery.
Bhatt, O.P. Appointed SBI Chairman.
Chauhan, V.R. (Lt-Col). Dies in Kashmir encounter.
Gopalaswami, N. Individuals' credibility affects EC's working: Gopalaswami.
Pande, Mohan (Lt-Gen). Appointed new DG, Military Operations.

02 **Bhajan Lal.** Resigns as HPCC chief.
Vasisht, Praveen K. Appointed Lawrance School Headmaster.

03 **Bansal, V.K.** Appointed GM of NFL.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Sikh clergy's edict on boycotting him.
Rangarajan, C. (Dr). To head J&K working panel.
Rasgotra, M.K. To head J&K working panel.

04 **Bhajan Lal.** His resignation accepted.
Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed). Boycotts Jamait poll.
Gupta, Anara. Reopen Anara case, demands social activist.
Sant Kumar. His book released.
Shrivastava, Babloo. Life imprisonment for him.

05 **Arora, Anil.** Appointed BBMB member.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). Staff, students express solidarity with him.

06 **Dalal, R.S. (Dr).** Appointed HAU Registrar.
Katoch, Rajinder Singh. Appointed as Director, Personnel, SJVN.
Mallya, Vijay. Takes Taittinger's wine arm for $15 m.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). Removed.

07 **Adhikary, Bhaskar.** 'Negligence' causes his death.
Ajnala, Rattan Singh. SC stays trial in a case against him.
Dwivedi, Janardhan. His effigy burnt.
Gambhir, Gautam. Stars in India A win.
Saini, Sumedh Singh. Complaint against IGs Saini baseless: VB.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). Moves HC on removal.

08 **Calcutta, Manjit Singh.** SAD expels him for 6 years.
Ramadoss, Anbumani. Sack Ramadoss: BJP.
Ratra, Y.S. Government extending Ratra's stint.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). His ouster stayed.

09 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** Flees after embezzling donations worth crores.
Dwivedi, Janardhan. Appointed as AICC media in charge.
Goyal, Raghubir. Indian scribe celebrates birthday with Bush.
Rao, Raja. Writer Raja Rao dead.
Sukhi, Sukhwinder Kaur. Offered mountaineering training in Europe.
Varma, Lalit. Fudging case: IAS officer chargesheeted.

10 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** Charges dera chief with 'inflicting mental torture'.
Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh. To head SAD-BJP seat-sharing panel.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Pranab persuaded him to continue as Prime Minister.
Sogi, Bachan Singh. Canada confirms deportation of Sogi.

11 **Ambani, Mukesh.** India's 'most influential' tycoon.
Krishnan, P.S. Quota expert is Arjun's adviser.

12 **Mukherjee, Kajal.** Dead.

13 **Narayana Murthy, N.R.** To be non-executive Chairman of Infosys.
Pallikal, Dipika. Wins.

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14 **Gurcharan Singh.** Judicial remaned for him.
Jaggi, Hussan Singh. Scales Mount Everest.
Jagtar Singh. SGPC restores kar seva to him.
Rajesh alias Raja. Most-wanted criminal held.
15 **Sandeep Singh.** Governor pardons ex-minister's son serving life term.
Virbhadra Singh. CM made patron-in-chief.
16 **Yadav, Mulayam Singh.** Backtracks on SIMI statement.
17 **Gur Iqbal Singh (Maj-Gen).** Court martial ordered against him.
Sapra, Kashmir Chand (Dr). Hisar teacher in Limca Book.
19 **Dahiya, S. (Maj-Gen).** Faces court martial.
Gupta, Abhijeet. Bags maiden GM norms.
Lakshman, Bangaru. Chargesheeted in Tehelka case.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Accepts 'tankhah'.
Sahni, S.K. (Lt-Gen). Faces court martial.
Sathyan, V.P. Ex-footballer Sathyan commits suicide.
Srinath, Javagal. To officiate Lanka-SA series.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Cleared for Lanka tri-series.
20 **Anand, Dev.** To shoot film in Croatia.
Bachchan, Amitabh. Conferred honorary doctorate.
Jairam Ramesh. Under EC scanner.
Jaitley, Arun. Panel on State-Centre ties: BJP nominates Jaitley.
Qureshi, Shabir. Senior journalist dead.
21 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** CPM divided over Dalmiya's participation.
Iqbal Singh, Brig. Gets jail in Tehelka case.
Jaswant Singh. Someone in the earlier PMO leaked N-secrets: Jaswant.
Sobti, R.C. (Prof). To be new VC of Panjab University.
Vats, S.P. (Dr). Appointed as MDU Registrar.
22 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Dalmiya damaged my career: Ganguly.
Ganguly, Sourav. Dalmiya damaged my career: Ganguly.
Jai Rup Singh (Dr). Appointed GND varsity VC.
Kumaraswamy, H.D. Probe ordered against him.
Mahajan, Rahul. Files caveat.
Verma, Abhishek. Prime accused in Navy war room leak case held.
24 **Jaswant Singh.** PM dares him to name mole.
Prince. Rescued, safe.
25 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Returns to Rajya Sabha.
Bhardwaj, K.C. (Dr). Appointed VC of Devi Lal varisty.
Chawla, Navin. Govt backs Kalam's decision on Chawla.
Foujdar, Santosh Kumar (Justice). Court appoints Foujdar as observer.
26 **Ashwini Kumar.** New DGP of H.P.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Files suit challenging BCCI's summon.
Jaswant Singh. Refuses to name mole.
Sharma, Rashmi. Kolkata girl swims English Channel.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). Govt offers to withdraw his sack order.
Vickraman, Sonika. Wins gold.
27 **Goyal, Sulabh.** Youth held for threat mail to Kalam.
Malik, Ripudaman Singh. Can join Kanishka probe.
Mehrotra, Ravi Kumar. Honoured with CBE.
Sherpa, Nadre. Mountaineer dead.

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28 **Harinderpal Singh.** Scripts victory over Canada.
Malhotra, Lalita. Indo-Canadian named to Order of Canada.
Sandhu, Manavjit Singh. Wins another gold for India.
29 **Kashani, Nazir Ahmed.** Expels 13 Geelani men.
Mattoo, Priyadarshini. HC puts her case on fast track.
Udit Narayan. Accepts Ranjana as wife.
30 **Bhullar, Gaganjeet.** Wins golf title.
Ganguly, Sourav. Wright wanted Ganguly sacked.
Harikrishna, Pendyala. Wins.
31 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Wins CAB poll.
Grover, Indu (Prof). Hisar prof gets World Bank project.
Prabhu, K.N. Dead.
Sajida, Begum. Dead.

August

01 **Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice).** Named CJ of Mumbai HC.
Jayalalithaa, J. CBI files charge-sheet against her.
Kejriwal, Arvind. Magsaysay Award for him.
Sajida Begum. She is laid to rest.
Sheikh, Danish. Journalist held for links with LeT.
Sidhu, G.S. Damdami. Appointed as Editor of the *Punjabi Tribune.*
02 **Chanchal, Narendar.** Granted bail.
Dogar, K.P. HP varsity controller of exams resigning.
Jagmohan Singh (Dr). Parmar varsity VC defends recent appointments.
Kathunangal, Sawinder Singh. Awarded three-year sentence.
Mahajan, A.C. Appointed as Allahabad Bank CMD.
Mir, A.M. (Justice-retd). Resigns as Panel Chairman.
Patti, Kashmir Singh. Plea to quash his appointment.
Sampat Singh. Cancel MoU with RIL, says he.
Sehwag, Virender. Rebuts Wright's claims on selection.
03 **Chidambaram, P.** His resignation sought.
Ganguly, Sourav. Wright favours Sourav's return.
Goel, Puneet. Challan filed against SDM in poaching case.
Iqbal Singh. Stabbed in USA.
Jaswant Singh. Privilege notice against him.
Jiji, U.K. (Lt). Absent, loses seniority.
Parab, Balaram. Footballer dead.
04 **Kewal Kumar.** DGP asked to probe charges against him.
Mahajan, Rahul. Rahul chargesheeted for drug abuse.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). He says sorry to Asma Jahangir.
Sane, Hari Ganesh. Sane dead.
Shariq, Shariefuddin. Speaker suspends NC member.
Vikramjit Singh. Vikramjit stars in Indian win.
05 **Ashish Kumar.** Wins bronze in Asian gymnastics.
Attri, Rajinder (Dr). His book is released.
Inderpal Singh (Dr). To be felicitated today.
Pathak, R.S. (Justice). Rejects leakage from his office.
Verma, L.R. (Dr). VC's effigy burnt.
06 **Kaul, Deepak.** Pak expels him.
Ramani, Bina. Forgery case against her.

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Ranawat, Laxman Singh. Promoted.
Singh, Pitambar. Former NIS chief coach dead.
Yadav, Devnath. MLA gets life term.
07 **Gandhi, Rahul.** To launch Cong campaign in UP.
Kumble, Anil. Spins Surrey to victory.
Sidhu, Avneet Kaur. Rs 5 lakh for Avneet's training, equipment.
Suraj Bhan. Dead.
08 **Fazl-ur-Rahman.** Dawood aide arrested.
Kartar Singh. His golden streak continues.
Kaul, Deepak. Returns home before deadline.
Natwar Singh, K. Letter crucial evidence against Natwar: Pathak.
Natwar Singh, K. Pathak report indicts him, gives clean chit to Congress.
Negi, Parimarjan. Stays in joint lead.
Pathak, R.S. (Justice). His report indicts Natwar, gives clean chit to Congress.
Sharma, Bhakti. Wins marathon.
09 **Aul, A.N. (Lieut-Gen).** Appointed Chief of Staff, Western Command.
Harikrishna, Pendyala. Wins title.
Natwar Singh, K. Congress suspends Natwar.
Vajpayee, Atal Bihari. Leads campaign against Speaker.
10 **Bhargava, Ravi Kamal.** Appointed NHRC Secy-Gen.
Bhatt, Mahesh. Leads Muslim protest.
Gujjar, Salim. Dacoit Gujjar, lover shot.
Gupta, Arun Kumar. Appointed as FCI Sr Manager.
Hazare, Anna. On indefinite fast.
Jayalalithaa, J. CBI summons to her.
Jayaprakash Narayan, N. (Dr). Floats party.
Kapilan, Jaya. Boy courts controversy.
Kidwai, Yogita. Forgery case against her.
Natwar Singh, K. Key inputs ignored: Natwar.
Rajbir Kaur. Erring woman judo coach shifted.
11 **Chaturvedi, Shailesh.** Gets SJFI awards.
Dhiman, Sarkar. Gets SJFI awards.
Hassan, Ghulam (Sheikh). Elected chief of Jamait-e-Islami.
Hazare, Anna. Writes to Sonia.
Karandikar, Vinda. Jnanpith Award for Marathi poet Karandikar.
Kohli, Neeraj. To attend Spain Astronautical Congress.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Privilege motion against him rejected.
Natwar Singh, K. Natwar relents, wants to meet PM.
Tejinder Pal Singh. His consistent show rewarded.
12 **Barua, Dibyendu.** In joint lead.
Bhullar, Gaganjeet. Clinches golf title.
Lalpura, Prem Singh. Joins Congress.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Speaker rejects motion against him.
Narender Kumar. Indian grappler bags gold.
Natwar Singh, K. Not allowed to speak in RS.
Raina, Deepak (Col). Faces court martial for information leak.
Summanwar, Deepak H. (Lt-Gen). Gen sent on 'forced leave'.
Tyagi, Apoorva. Indian grapplers bag two gold.
13 **Babita Kumari.** Wins gold medal.

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Barnala, Gaganjit Singh. Held on rape charge.
Negi, Parimarjan. Loses to Krasenkow.

14 **Hassan, Ghulam (Sheikh).** For peace talks.

15 **Barnala, Gaganjit Singh.** Judicial remand for Gaganjit.
Bhullar, Gurjot Singh. Gets VSM.
Nirmal Singh. President's Police Medal for DGP of Haryana.
Sunil Kumar. Wins gold in world boxing meet.
Thomas, James (Maj). Kirti Chakra awarded to him posthumously.
Vijay Pal Singh. Kirti Chakra awarded to him posthumously.

16 **Aulakh, Amarjit Singh (Lt).** Awarded this year's Shaurya Chakra.
Kanmadikar, Anant Wagesh. Ex-BCCI secretary Kanmadikar dead.
Kidwai, Naina Lal. May quit as Director in Nestle SA.

17 **Advani, Lal Krishna.** Features in RSS film on Hindutva.
Birla, Kumar Mangalam. Quits Tata Steel, Maruti Board.
Malik, J.K. (Justice). Honoured.
Patel, Praful. Include Praful's name in UTI scam if evidence found: HC.
Seechewal, Balbir Singh (Sant). Kalam recognises his exemplary effort.

18 **Bardhan, A.B.** Arrested.
Gandhi, Maneka. CBI files 2 cases against Maneka.
Hooda, Bhupinder Singh. Arrest warrant against him.
Nachiketa, K. (Flight-Lieut). IAF's Kargil hero Nachiketa soars higher.
Sarna, Paramjit Singh. Seeks ban on RSS-produced film.
Singh, V.P. Among 97 arrested.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). Stay on order for his removal extended.
Vijay Valmiki. Dreaded kidnapper held from Dehra Dun.

19 **Advani, Pankaj.** Guides India A to victory.
Gandhi, Maneka. Case at behest of Sonia: Maneka.
Jagat Singh. Suspended from Cong.
Roongta, S.K. Appointed as SAIL chief.
Tomar, Ajit. Enduring hunger to protect Right to Information.

20 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Avenges his defeat.
Hazare, Anna. Calls off fast over RTI Act.
Ishwar Singh, Bhai. Rewarded with Rs 21,000.
Josh, Mohinder Singh. Sikh bodies to take legal action against him.
Mittarpal Singh. Receives best coach award.
Patel, Amisha. Threat charge: cops to grill her.
Radhey Shyam. Ex-cager dead.

21 **Deshpande, Nirmala.** Gets Sadbhavana award.
Gavit, Manikrao. CBI to investigate his links with mafia.
Narayana Murthy, N.R. Retires from Infosys.
Pandey, Mathura Dutt (Dr). Prestigious award for Sanskrit scholar.
Tejaswini, V. Continues to make a splash.
Tipri, Surabhi. Continues to make a splash.

22 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Bags Mainz crown.
Khan, Bismillah (Ustad). He is no more.
Narang, T.D. (Dr). Appointed Dean Academic Affairs of GNDU.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. SC reprieve for Lalu.

23 **Chandrashekhar Rao, K.** Resigns on Telengana.
Dutt, Amar (Justice). HC Judge Amar Dutt retires.

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Jaswinder Singh. Author refuses to appear before Akal Takht.
Katyal, J.C. (Dr). Award for him.
Mohinder Pal Singh (Prof). Atwal releases book on Sikhism.
Narendra, A. Resigns on Telengana.
Sandeep Singh. His injury a big blow for India.
Sandeep Singh. Hurt as pistol goes off accidentally in Shatabdi.
24 **Advani, Pankaj.** Bags coveted Khel Ratna.
Chandrashekhar Rao, K. Begins indefinite fast.
Chaudhary, Kiran. Made convener of Panchayat Mahila Shakti abhiyan.
Cherian, Devi. Rajiv Gandhi award for her.
Jagat Singh. Rajasthan Cong approves his suspension.
Jaswant Singh. Notice against him rejected.
Prabhakar, Manoj. Booked in dowry case.
Premji, Azim. Azim Premji in Forbes list.
Satyananad, Anand. Sworn in NZ Governor-General.
25 **Bhatia, Rajwinder Singh.** Honoured.
Ramadoss, Anbumani. HC warning over his inclusion.
26 **Ambani, Anil.** Voted top business icon.
Brijeshwar Singh. Takes over as Prasar Bharati CEO.
George, Anju Bobby. Sets game record.
Mehra, Vijay. Dead.
Prabhunath Singh. His resignation rejected.
Promilla Issar. Made VC of BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya.
Sri Sri Ravishankar. Mongolian award for Sri Sri Ravishankar.
27 **Biswas, Asit K. (Prof).** Gets top environment prize.
Chaudhary, Madhu. Kangra girl tops HAS exam.
Hazarika, Maya. Sanjoy Hazarika bereaved.
Natwar Singh, K. Dropped from Cong editorial board.
Ramoowalia, Iqbal. Pens book on Khalistan.
28 **Gupta, B.C. (Dr).** Is shooting body chief.
Mayawati. Elected BSP chief for second term.
Mukherjee, Hrishikesh. Dead.
Rao, S.P. Appointed as GAIL CMD.
Sinha, S.K. (Lieut-Gen-retd). Not in favour of self-rule in J&K.
29 **Chatterjee, Bhaskar.** Takes charge.
Jaglan, R.S. (Dr). Appointed as GJU Registrar.
Popat, Aparna. Arjuna Award was overdue: Aparna.
Sebastain, Thomas. Sebastain dead.
30 **Advani, Pankaj.** Kalam confers Khel Ratna and Arjuna Award on him.
Bodh, Chering Norbu (Subedar). Honoured.
Mahajan, Rahul. Ties the knot.
Nehwal, Saina. Quells Soratja's challenge.
31 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** Says no conflict with FM.
Arun Kumar (Justice). Appointed TDSAT chief.
Balajit, Vikraman (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Beigh, Gufran Ullah (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar awards.
Bhakuni, Vinod (Dr). Get Bhatnagar awards.
Biswas, Indranil (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar awards.
Dabholkar, Atish (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.

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Gokhale, Rajesh Sudhir. Gets Bhatnagar award.
Karat, Prakash. Seeks amendment for EC reforms.
Kashyap, P. Causes upset, Saina loses.
Lele, Ashish (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Steals show at Shatabdi Samagam.
Mittal, Sanjay (Dr). Wins Bhatnagar award.
Mukherjee, Pranab. To attend UN assembly.
Prasad, L.V. Gets Bhatnagar award.
Puri, Sanjay (Dr). Receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.
Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh. Murder, murder.
Sampath, Srinivasan (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Sangwan, Virender Singh (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Sengupta, Pulak (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Sharma, R.S. Appointed as ONGC Chairman.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Gives report on power of pardon.
Tejbir Singh. SGPC honours Tejbir Singh.
Thomas, K. George (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Vaiko. No military help to Lanka, Vaiko told.

September

01 **Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain.** Mehbooba wants him changed.
Bhatia, Sabeer. Decks cleared for his IT venture.
Daler Mehndi. Summons for him.
Harbeant Singh. Satlani Gurdwara receiver resigns.
Hathi, M.K. (Capt). Indicted official made A-I safety chief.
Khushwant Singh. Given "Punjab Rattan" award.
Mahajan, Arvind (Lt-Gen). Appointed as EME D-G.
Menon, Shiv Shankar. Appointed new Foreign Secy.
Saifdipur, Balwinder Singh. Joins SAD.
Sharma, Radhey Shyam. Term extended as Director of Haryana Sahitya Akad.
Sood, Suman. Withdraws from practice.
Zargar, Abdul Aziz. Mehbooba wants Dy CM replaced by him.

02 **Jayaprakash Narayan, N. (Dr).** Quits as NAC member.
Kular, Sarfraz Singh (Maj). Scales Mt Elbrus.
Mehta, Sureesh (Vice-Admiral). To be new Naval Chief.
Ranjit Singh, Bhai. Denied entry into Canada.
Rao, Rajkamal. Appointed Railway Board member.
Sehgal, Andaleeb. Andaleeb moves SC for stay of probe.
Sharma, Manorma (Dr). Award for retired music teacher.
Sharma, S.K. Indian detained at Paris airport.
Summanwar, Deepak H. (Lt-Gen). Gen had "improper" links with foreign nationals.

03 **Alam, Izhar.** Booked for wireless sets scam.
Attri, K.K. Top cops booked for wireless sets scam.
Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain. Quits as J&K Deputy CM.
Goswami, Jhulan. Bowls eves to historic victory.
Gurvinder Kaur. Rules the pool.
Harbhajan Singh. To join anti-drug campaign.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Mann dividing Punjabis: BJP.
Puneet Rana. Rules the pool.
Sharma, Yamini. Solan beauty catches Satish Kaushik's eye.

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Sinha, Pratyush. Appointed as CVC.
Srikrishna, B.N. (Justice). To head 6th Pay Commission.
04 **Jagat Singh.** ED notices to him.
Manuja, Ronak Mahesh. Wins ITF title.
Narayana Murthy, N.R. To head IT Vision Group.
Natwar Singh, K. ED notices to him.
Sharma, Yamini. She says yes to acting.
Siddaramaiah. Inducted into Congress.
Valecha, Pawan. Elected as president of Janshakti party.
05 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** Charged for keeping exotic pheasants in captivity.
Chaudhary Ram. Freedom fighter dead.
De, Shobhaa. Unveils her clothesline.
Joseph, P.J. Quits as Kerala minister.
Raghunath. Replaces Sandeep in World Cup squad.
Ramani, Bina. Non-bailable warrants against her.
Sandhu, Manavjit Singh. Wins gold.
Sharma, S.C. Joins as IG, North-West Sector.
Sinha, Satyendra Narayan. Former Bihar CM Sinha dead.
Sreesanth, Shantakumaran. His exclusion defies logic.
06 **Appa Rao, M.S.** A politician with old world charm.
Jagat Singh. Expelled from Congress.
07 **Falahi, Shahid Badr.** Case against SIMI leader withdrawn.
Karan Singh. Quits panel in protest.
Makkar, Avtar Singh. Volte-face by SGPC chief on Vande Mataram.
Pawar, Sharad. Telgi names him.
Raghbir Singh. He resumes charge on SGJC order.
Ramani, Bina. Arrested.
08 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** His farm has 'only Mongolian pheasants'.
Dayakar, R. Natwar rang him up for Sehgal's firm.
Lalit, C.R.B. Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award for him.
Ramani, Bina. Gets police remand.
Rao, Nirupama. Lankan minister's outburst against her.
Vajpayee, Atal Bihari. Vande Mataram row unfortunate: Vajpayee.
09 **Bartwal, Digambar Singh (Lieut-Gen).** Assumes charge as D-G MI.
Dua, Amarjit Singh. Sacked as GNDU Dean.
Gill, K.P.S. Khalra's widow moves HC over ex-DGP Gill.
Grewal, Mahesh Inder Singh. Ex-minister booked.
Kapoor, Jayesh. Wins kudos in New Jersey.
Mahalanobis, Abhijit. Indian American chosen 'Scientist of the Year'.
10 **Anwar, Mohammad.** Wins gold medal in kickboxing.
Jhanu Hansda. Breaks world record in Archery.
Nehwal, Saina. Breaks into top 30 in Badminton.
11 **Chaudhary, Kiran.** Mahapanchayat rules in favour of her .
Gurdev Singh. Former Cong MLA is dead.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Nominated CPA vice-patron.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Honoured with 'Kohenoor-e-Kaum' award.
12 **Chandran, Geeta.** Gets National award for 'So Many Journeys'.
Kullu, Jyoti Sunita. To lead eves in Hockey World Cup.
Rai, Tarundeep. To lead at World Cup.

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Ramani, Bina. Police custody of Ramani extended.
Sikri, Rajiv. Quits in protest.
Sule, Supriya. Elected to RS.
Tarsem Singh. Resigns as DSGMC panel chief.
Yadav, Sadhu. NBW issued against him.

13 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** Narrow escape for him in helicopter accident.
Bajwa, Tript Rajinder Singh. Gets extension as PPCB chief.
Chandrashekhar Rao, K. Resigns as MP.
Gill, Rajinder Jeet Hans (Prof). Appointed Fellow in Academy of Sciences.
Narayen, Sanjay. Quits service after being superceded.

14 **Ashwini Kumar.** HC removes him as Director (Prosecution).
Chavan, Prithviraj. Attends SCO meet in Dushanbe.
Chinoy, Mala R. Wins Trailblazer award.
Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed). Re-elected Hurriyat chief.
Kakodkar, Anil. No compromise in N-deal: Kakodkar.
Ramani, Bina. In judicial custody.

15 **Balwant Singh.** Murdered in USA.
Ghansar, Mohammad Shoaib. Tiger hit man Ghansar held guilty.
Gurjeet Singh (Dr). Appointed as VC of the Law University in Punjab.
Harsh Kumar (Major). Shot dead by a naik.
Munda, Arjun. Munda skips test, quits.
Nagra, G.S. (Maj-Gen). 1971 war hero General Nagra no more.
Namdhari, Inder Singh. Resigns as Speaker.
Pandove, M.P. To contest BCCI poll again.
Raha, Subir. 'Energy Executive of the Year' Award for him.

16 **Butail, Kunj Behari Lal.** Dead.
Chautala, Om Prakash. Misses House session again.
Ganguly, Ashok. To probe allegations against CBSE chairperson.
Giri, Deependra. Quits as member of Amarnath Shrine Board.
Mahendra, Ranbir Singh. Lawyers rally behind him.
Misra, Naresh Chandra (Dr). Dead.
Muthiah, A.C. To head ICC committee.
Ramani, Bina. Gets bail.
Satyabrata Pal. Tipped to be Indian envoy to Pakistan.
Vidya Devi. Bansi Lal's widow files plea in High Court.

17 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** BJP, Akali Dal demand FIR against him.
Bedi, P.S. Elected Race Club chief.
Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain. Beigh back with a bang.
Giri, Deependra. His resignation face-saving exercise: Board CEO.
Jagjit Singh, Chaudhary. No need for him to quit: CM.
Johri, Anurag. Gets life term for murdering wife.
Kalicharan. Mayawati is "Daulat ki Beti", says IJP chief.
Kithan, Theckano. Haryana CS releases book of poems.
Mahajan, Amar Nath. Freedom fighter dead.
Mayawati. Termed "Daulat ki Beti".
Qureshi, Yakub. Fined for ticketless travel.
Ramani, Bina. Released.
Ramdhari Singh. RJD leader killed.
Sandeep Singh. Discharged from PGI.

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Sen, Amartya (Prof). Joins fight for gays' rights.
Seth, Vikram. Joins fight for gays' rights.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Joins fight for gays' rights.
18 **Alphonso, Leelamma.** Wins marathon.
Habibur Rahman Khairabadi. Suspended for issuing fatwa for money.
Jagjit Singh, Chaudhary. Another controversy haunts him.
Karat, Prakash. Questions EC's role.
Khairabadi, Habibur Rahman. Suspended for issuing fatwa for money.
Mirza, Sania. Plans to set up tennis academy.
Negi, Bal Krishan. Journalist dead.
Satya Prakash. Wins marathon in New Delhi.
19 **Chatterjee, Sudip.** Dead.
Koda, Madhu. Takes over reins of Jharkhand.
Subodh Kumar. Prof becomes trust member.
Sumitra Singh. Bansi Lal's daughter joins NCP.
Tudu, Balram. IIT admits ST boy after Arjun's intervention.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. 'Professor' Lalu's wagon rolls into IIM-A.
20 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** 35 SGPC members seek action against him.
Badal, Parkash Singh. Punjab Govt offers to shift his trial.
Bir Devinder Singh. Is best Parliamentarian.
Gawande, Atul. MacArthur fellowship for Indian-origin surgeon.
Shankaran, Ravi. War room leak: CBI attaches his property.
21 **Koda, Madhu.** Wins trust vote in Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha.
Patel, Amisha. Bank to sue her.
Tahiliani, R.H. (Admiral-Retd). SC stays warrants against him.
Virbhadra Singh. NSUI honours Virbhadra.
22 **Gur Iqbal Singh (Maj-Gen).** Gets 3 yrs imprisonment in liquor scam.
Leelaben. Keshubhai's wife dies in fire.
Parmjit Singh Pammi. Cong leader quits as bank Chairman.
Singla, Vijay Inder. Appointed as PYC chief.
Tata, Ratan. Nitish's hard sell impresses him.
Vengsarkar, Dilip. Set to head selection panel.
23 **Chaudhary, Minakshi.** Her book on Himachal released.
Chawla, Piyush. Stars in colts win.
Jindal, Sajjan. To invest Rs 15,000 cr in Bengal.
Kavitark Ram Shriram. Shines in Forbes list of richest Americans.
Nitish Kumar. Bids for Tatas' Rs 1 lakh car project.
Ranjit Singh. Denied Cabinet status.
Swraj Paul, Lord. Among influential UK entrepreneurs.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Called back after given out.
Tickoo, M.L. (Prof). Indian English dictionary mooted by him.
24 **Khush, Gurdev Singh (Dr).** To be honoured.
Shan, Ghulam Mohammad. Shan appointed JKNPP spokesman.
Vijay Shanker. CBI Director is member of Interpol body.
25 **Bajaj, Rajiv.** Makes to Forbes cover.
Chetri, Sunil. Stars in Delhi win.
Dhumal, Prem Kumar. BJP flays CM for targeting Dhumal.
Dravid, Rahul. Shastri slams his style of captaincy.
Gurdit Singh, Giani. Awarded by Unesco.

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Hirsimran Singh. 'Sikh Vision 2025' raises questions on clergy.
Khush, Gurdev Singh (Dr). Meets PM for biotech institute in Punjab.
Rajnath Singh. Attacks UPA govt's Pak policy.
Shetty, Nishit. Steers MCA to victory.
Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Courts controversy by honouring Ganga Singh.

26 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** Bail plea of Baba Amrik dismissed.
Bachchan, Amitabh. Furore over reducing security for him.
Nitish Kumar. Lalu steps up campaign against his govt.
Padmini. Dies at 74.
Priyanka Singh. Wins gold.
Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh. DIG to monitor Prof Sabharwal case: SC.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. Steps up campaign against Nitish govt.

27 **Anand, Dev.** Turns 84.
Banerjee, Mamata. Mamata, TMC workers beaten up by cops.
Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice). Appointed CJ of Bombay HC.
Guru, Mohammad Afzal. Oct 20 fixed for his execution.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Turns 74.
Pawar, Sharad. Retains top BCCI post.
Rangachari, T.C.A. Puts in his papers.
Sidhu, Navjot Singh. Murder case against him, hearing on November 16.
Sikri, Veena. Puts in her papers.
Vajpayee, Atal Bihari. Vajpayee refutes Musharraf's claims.
Vishwas, Rishi Gautam. Bail for him.

28 **Ahamed, E.** BJP seeks his resignation.
Ansal, Sushil. CBI holds him guilty.
Poonia, Rajesh (Dr). Heads teachers' body.
Rao, Nirupama. Appointed envoy to China.
Talwar, Arun. Takes over as Airport director.
Vengsarkar, Dilip. Made Chief Selector.

29 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Hospitalised after chest pain.
Banerji, Supriya. Conferred Order of British Empire.
Bhandral, Vishal (Capt). Cremated.
Mirza, Sania. Turns the tables on Higis.
Nagra, Kuljit Singh. Appointed Punjab Khet Mazdoor Cong chief.
Pillai, G.K. Appointed as new Commerce Secretary.
Puri, Jag Mohan. Conferred Order of British Empire.
Seth, Roshan. Conferred Order of British Empire.

30 **Bedi, Monica.** Gets 5 years in jail.
Bhanwar, Harbir Singh. Quits DSGMC.
Prasanna, Erapalli. Gets Castrol Award.
Shah, Zameer Uddin (Lieut-Gen). Appointed as Deputy Army Chief.
Singh, Nitesh Kumar. Protests in Russia over his killing.
Vikramjit Singh. Anticipatory bail for him.

October

01 **Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh.** Quits as Batala Trust chief.
Menon, Shiv Shankar. Takes over as Foreign Secy.
Pinki, Gurmeet Singh. Convicted of murder.
Rupaiya Devi. Seeks asylum in UK.
Thakur, B.S. (Lieut-Gen). Appointed as HPPSC Chairman.

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02 **Mittal, Sunil Bharti.** Gets fellowship from IETE.
Sajida Begum. Her property row takes new turn.
Sharma, Devender Kumar. IMA cadet commits suicide.
Swami, Amit. Translator of book on Napoleon wins praise.
Vaidya, S.C. (Prof). On tech education panel.
03 **Ambani, Anil.** Is 3rd richest Indian.
Chau Myaseng Thoomten. National Rank and Bolt award winner.
Chauhan, Ram Babu Singh. Kabir Puraskar for him.
Selja. Selja must quit for Agrofed scam: Chautala.
Sharma, Manu. His 'confession' with police.
Sharma, Venod. Demand to drop him from Haryana Cabinet.
Singh, R.D. (Col). Donates blood for 64th time.
03 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** His scorcher sets up big win.
04 **Asif Khan Bashir Khan.** Prime conspirator of Mumbai train blasts held.
Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice). Takes over as Bombay High Court CJ.
Guru, Mohammad Afzal. His wife files mercy petition.
Jairam Ramesh. EC notice to him on holding office of profit.
Kaif, Katrina. Katrina's dress raises eyebrows.
Nooyi, Indra. Most powerful businesswoman in world.
Shaikh, Niaz Ahmed. '93 blasts: Niaz Shaikh found guilty.
Tharoor, Shashi. Loses race to S. Korean for UN job.
05 **Bhullar, Davinder Pal Singh.** SAD seeks clemency for him.
Dutt, Amar (Justice). He is Chief Vigilance Commissioner of Punjab.
Ganguly, Sourav. Zaheer in, Ganguly out.
Rani Abhay (Dr). Jamnalal Bajaj award for Dr Rani.
Sharma, Venod. Gives legal notice to TV channel.
Subba Rao, S.N. Jamnalal Bajaj award for Subba Rao.
Vikramjit Singh. Told to pay Rs 15 lakh.
06 **Bhupender Singh, Thakur.** Sworn in HPPSC chief.
Gill, G.S. Becomes ADG, BSF.
Gill, Manohar Singh. I've never used harsh words against PM: Gill.
Harsh Vardhan (Dr). Dead.
Pillay, Dhanraj. Shines in Airlines win.
Ranaut, Kangana. Hurt in acid attack.
Tharoor, Shashi. His withdrawal failure of UPA: BJP.
07 **Dullo, Shamsher Singh.** Warns against clemency to Afzal.
Dutt, Amar (Justice). Sworn in as Chief Vigilance Commissioner.
Gandhi, Varun. BJP denies ticket to Varun.
Pandey, Sunil. Suspended JD(U) MLA surrenders.
Puneet Rana. Betters own record.
Sharma, Venod. Pays price for son's mistake.
Sharma, Venod. Quits as Haryana Minister.
Shivnath. Book on Dogri literature released.
Sudarshan. Maoist leader dies in encounter.
08 **Ahluwalia, S.K.** Alhuwalia transferred for indulging in politics.
Birinderjit Singh. Made PPCB.
Harbhajan Singh. Apologises to Sikh community.
Poncha, Rehan. Sets record in 200 m back stroke swimming.
Poonia, Krishna. Upsets Antil for discus gold.

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Sengar, Kuldip. Mayawati gets even with 'disloyal' MLA.
Sharma, Venod. Kidwai accepts his resignation.

09 **Azad, Desh Prem.** Nominated to Vizzy panel.
Gaekwad, Anshuman. Gaekwad slams Chappell.
Karat, Brinda. Flays govt for acquiring land for industry.
Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh. Joins SAD.
Rushdie, Salman. To join Emory Varsity faculty.
Sahota, Phumman Ram. Dies in road accident.
Shobha, J.J. Leaps to gold.
Yechury, Sitaram. To lead CPM team to China.

10 **Aggarwal, V.K. (Dr).** Appointed KU Registrar.
Baghel, Shambhu Dayal. Removed as MP unit chief.
Kanshi Ram. Passes away.
Kanshi Ram. Cremated as per Buddhist rituals.
Kunjarani Devi, N. Breaks national record in weight lifting.
Nitya Nand, Swami. Ex-Uttaranchal CM on "fast unto death".
Pillay, Dhanraj. I have lot of hockey left in me: Pillay.
Pinki, Gurmeet Singh. Team to nab Pinki set up.
Satyabrata Pal. Appointed High Commissioner to Pakistan.
Sharma, Devender Kumar. Govt to seek CBI probe into cadet's death.
Sreedharan, E. Delhi Metro chief awarded.
Wadali, Puran Chand. Hurt in mishap.

11 **Fernandes, George.** FIR against him.
Jaitley, Jaya. FIR against Jaya.
Kanshi Ram. Brother alleges he was killed.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). PM's continuation in office challenged.
Mann, Gursewak. Surrenders, gets bail.
Suri, Lalit. Hotelier Lalit Suri dead.
Sushil Kumar (Admiral). FIR against ex-Navy chief.

12 **Agarwal, Yogesh.** Appointed MD of SBI.
Bachchan, Amitabh. Presented sherwani with father's poem on it.
Desai, Kiran. Wins Booker.
Fernandes, George. Left raps him for dragging Kalam, Sonia in Barak deal.
Kidwai, Naina Lal. In global power list.
Kochhar, Chanda. In global power list.
Nagra, Kuljit Singh. Nagra installed head of Cong kisan wing.
Shah, Shabir Ahmad. Put under house arrest in Kashmir.
Shaw, Kiran Majumdar. In global power list.
Yadav, Bharti. Seeks release of passport.

13 **Babaehali, Gurbachan Singh.** To be back as chairman.
Gill, Surjit. A name in Punjabi folk dances.
Kanshi Ram. Kin demand probe into his death.
Kapil Dev. Clueless on his role as NCA chief.
Kochhar, Rajesh (Prof). Academy honour for him.
Lone, Shoaib. Joins Cong Seva Dal.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. SC flays Shinde's role in pardoning Cong man.
Venkata Reddy, Gowru. SC flays Shinde's role in pardoning him.

14 **Balraj Pandit.** Thespian Panditji is dead.
Banerjee, U.C. (Justice). Gujarat HC nullifies Banerjee Committee.

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Chandumajra, Prem Singh. Demands white paper on City Centre scam.
Dalip Singh. Army biker's triumph.
Dhaliwal, D.S. (Justice). Lok Pal toothless tiger, he says.
Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh. Sabharwal's death: chargesheet against ABVP men.
Sharma, V.K. Appointed Director (Tech), NFL.
Srivastava, Parmanand (Prof). Vyas Samman for him.
Virendra Mohan (Lt-Col). Molestation case: HC stays Army order.
15 **Bindra, I.S.** Decries ICC's 'hypocrisy'.
Purav Raja. Wins tennis titles.
Sidhu, Harjinder Singh. Lands at Rajasansi on Air Slovakia's maiden flight.
16 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Kalam Celebrates 75th b'day with spastic kids.
Ambani, Mukesh. Topples Premji as India's richest person.
Amolak Singh. Dies in sleep.
Thakur, Keshav. Excels in 50m butterfly.
17 **Chaudhary, Kamal.** Joins SAD.
Gupta, Rabinder Nath. FIR ordered against him.
Gurmeet Singh alias Pinki. Surrenders.
Modi Lalit. Speed slams Modi.
Sandhu, D.D.S. (Lieut-Gen). Gen Sandhu awarded honorary doctorate.
Shah, Shabir Ahmad. Shabir detained during protest.
Singal, Savita (Dr). Canadian fellowship for her.
Sinha, Yashwant. Sinha rejects Pervez claim.
18 **Azmi, Shabana.** Heads Punjab panel on foeticide.
Gurmeet Singh alias Pinki. Life term for him.
Mukherjee, Shiv Shanker. Meets Manmohan for briefing him on Nepal.
Singh, J.J. (Gen). Insurgency along border unabated: Army Chief.
Singh, Santosh Kumar. HC convicts him in Mattoo murder case.
Venkata Reddy, Gowru. SC rejects his plea on pardon.
19 **Joseph, Cyriac (Chief Justice).** His jokes unpalatable, says Bar to him.
Khatri, Mukesh. SAI bungled my samples, says Khatri.
Nishan Singh. Former militant held.
Sharma, Jugal Kishore. Amritsar Improvement Trust chief in the dock.
Venkata Reddy, Gowru. Reddy surrenders.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). HC: action against him subject to final verdict.
20 **Azad, Ravi.** Arrested in recruitment scam.
Garg, Ashok (Dr). Award for doc.
Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed). Leads march for Afzal's release.
Gurdit Singh, Giani. Punjabi Sahit Shiromani Puraskar for him.
Imrana. His Father-in-law gets 10-yr jail for raping her.
Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh. Accused of fraud.
Modi, Narendra. VHP prefers Modi to head BJP.
Mohammad Ali. Gets 10-yr jail for raping Imrana.
Narayana Murthy, N.R. Launches CII drive against graft.
Sardesai, Rajdeep. CNN-IBN chief to appear before House.
Swraj Paul, Lord. Honoured by House of Commons.
Thekedar, Jaswant Singh. Thekedar admits visiting India.
Verma, Abhishek. CBI files chargesheet against him.
21 **Jahangir (Hav).** Is overal champion in Golf Championships 2006-2007.
23 **Abu Salem.** Starts his campaign for UP Assembly poll.

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Atwal, Arjun. Breaks into top 20.
Chandhok, Karun. Crowned Asian Formula Renault V6 champ.
Dhillon, S.S. (Lt-Gen). Take charge as Quarter Master General.
Handa, J.K. (Prof). Is dead.
Jagmohan Singh (Prof). Booked for cheating.
Malik, Vipin. Joins Jan Morcha.
Masood, Rasheed. Charges framed against him.
Punj, Manoj. Noted film producer dead.
Verma, Kishorilal. BJP MLA slain in Madhya Pradesh.

24 **Imrana.** Faces defamation suit.
Jaswinder Singh. DIG shot in Orissa.
Narayanan, M.K. Has damaged case against Pak: BJP.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Wins Indian Open in golf.

25 **Antony, A.K.** Gets Defence Ministry.
Azad, Shameem. Felicitated.
Bajwa, Mohinder Partap Singh (Brig-retd). Takes over as PEDA chief.
Jaswinder Singh. Two PSOs held for his murder.
Mukherjee, Pranab. Moved to External Affairs.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Becomes highest ranked Indian golfer.

26 **Azmi, Shabana.** To receive peace prize.
Gaj Singh II, Maharaja. Award for Maharaja of Jodhpur.
Gyani, Mohini. Dead.
Lonia, Badhai. Gets engineering doctorate degree.
Shroff, Chanda. Indian embroiderer wins global award.
Swamy, R.K. (Maj-Gen). Appointed OTA Commandant.
Yadav, Jai Prakash Narain. BJP flays UPA for inducting him.

27 **Avtar Singh.** Awarded 'tankha' at Punjabi varsity function.
Jaswinder Singh. Probe begins into his killing.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Sikh clergy condemns Mann.
Nicolette, Sharmila. Catches up with Shruti.

28 **Agarkar, Ajit.** Injured Agarkar ruled out.
Bana Singh. PVC winner Bana Singh honoured.
Gandhi, Rahul. Rahul Gandhi shifted to HRD panel.
Nalini. Rajiv case convict seeks release.
Nicolette, Sharmila. Wins golf title.
Sharma, G.D. (Justice). Heads Dispute Redressal Forum.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Arrested by CBI.

29 **Bhardwaj, S.P. (Dr).** Suspended.
Harika, Dronavalli. Wins world title.
Henry, Avtar. Re-elected chief of Punjab Motor Union.
Ivana Furtado. Ivana wins world title.
Malik, Mohammad Yaseen. Attacked.
Pratibha Singh. NRI woman wins British award.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Takes sole lead.
Sen, Amartya (Prof). His theory 'inspired' SC ruling on quota.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. In court custody till November 11.
Walia, S.S. (Dr). Removed as Medical College Principal.
Yuvraj Singh. Injured, to miss today's tie.

30 **Akbar Raj.** Held for e-mail threat case.

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Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Fails to appear before BCCI panel.
Dharia, Mohan. PM to meet him on farm loans.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Registers historic win.
Khan, Asad Ali (Ustad). Sole exponent of Rudra Veena.
Lalji Baba. Claimed to be Netaji before death.
Raina, Deepak (Col). Dismissed for leaking information.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Wins golf title.

31 **Chautala, Ajay.** Asked to pay customs duty on Toyota.
Gandhi, Sonia. Sonia behind my problems, says Natwar.
Mattoo, Priyadarshini. Verdict in her case a 'benchmark': CBI.
Natwar Singh, K. Sonia behind my problems, says Natwar.
Rao, Poonam. Pramod's daughter joins BJP.
Singh, Santosh Kumar. Mattoo killer to be hanged.

November

01 **Abdullah, Farooq (Dr).** AG declines contempt petition against him.
Amrik Singh, Baba. SC rejects his bail plea.
Amrit Kaur. Nandgarh honours Bibi Amrit Kaur.
Azad, Ghulam Nabi. Says he did not seek clemency for Afzal.
Dalal, Ranjiv Singh. Appointed Haryana DGP.
Mehta, Sureesh (Vice-Admiral). Takes charge.
Rafi Muhammad. Main accused in CPMT case held.
Thomas, P.C. His election declared void.

02 **Cherian, Devi.** Gets 'Sarv Sreshte Suputri' award.
Gupta, P.C. His appointment comes under scanner.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Tenure of medical council chief extended.
Tirkey, Dilip. In FIH's All Star team.

03 **Bahel, Sanjay.** At UN held for fraud.
Lodha, R.S. Files Rs 100-cr defamation suit against Birlas.
Neha. Uberoi sisters stun top seeds.
Shikha. Uberoi sisters stun top seeds.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Airtel drops Sachin.

04 **Bahel, Sanjay.** Granted bail.
Gill, Raminder Singh. Indo-Canadian appointed Citizenship Judge.
Mehta, Navin (Dr). Indian-American surgeon to be honoured.
Qureshi, Shakeel Ahmed. Hockey umpire Qureshi retires.
Reddy, Y.V. (Dr). Economy can withstand shocks: RBI Governor.
Sanjay Kumar. Computer Associate ex-CEO sentenced.
Sharma, Manu. Manu seeks new Bench.

05 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** DU honours him with doctorate.
Dalal, J.S. (Dr). Charge-sheeted.
Gagan Ajit Singh. Dropped.
Madhu, Tech. Maoist rocket-maker surrenders.
Rathore, Salam Singh (Capt). Held for spying.
Sidhu, Gurdev Singh (Dr). Finds rare literature on Bhagat Singh.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. UPA using CBI to save Lalu, says NDA.

06 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Asks Tatas to shift car project.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Injured wrist costs him the title.

07 **Ahmad, Sagir (Justice).** Heads Kashmir Working Group.
Ganguly, Sourav. Slams unbeaten ton.

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Goswami, Indira. Pens poems.
Parab, Anil Ramachandra. Life term for Dawood gang sharp shooter.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Govt wants cases against Thind withdrawn.
08 **Chander Mohan.** Dropped from jaunt to China.
Farooq, Umer, Mirwaiz. Retains top post in Hurriyat.
Khajuria, Ashok. Set to head BJP.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Acquitted in TADA case.
Pawar, Sharad. I was not insulted: Pawar.
Polly Umrigar. Is no more.
Sharma, Manu. No change in Bench, Manu told.
09 **Dandekar, Swati.** Swati wins.
Jasraj, Pandit. Institute honours Pt Jasraj.
Kulwant Singh alias Kanta. Under trial in Prabir kidnap case dies.
10 **Arya, Hira Nand.** Ex-minister Arya dead.
Dhanda, Rajinder Singh. No anticipatory bail for him.
Guru, Mohammad Afzal. Files for clemency.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Eclipses Tiger on day one.
Kaul, Anil (Col). BCCI distances itself from him.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Eclipses Tiger on day one.
Randhawa, Ranjit Singh. Bibi Jagir Kaur seeks transfer of HC judge.
Sandhu, Satwinder Singh. Outgoing HYC chief walks out of function.
Talwar, K.K. (Dr). Remains PGI chief.
11 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Cosying up to Sonia.
Dharmani, Pankaj. To lead Punjab.
Goswami, Gautam. Gets bail.
Gowd, Vicharapu Ramakrishna. Claim on Sridevi costs him Rs 1 lakh.
Kalra, J.C. War room leak: Kalra in dock.
Mehta, Rajinder Singh. Removed as patron of SSF.
Mukherjee, Pranab. To take on Left Parties.
Obuleshu. Top Maoist leader shot dead.
Sridevi. Claim on her costs Gowd Rs 1 lakh.
Tendulkar, Sachin. To bat for ITC.
12 **Banerjee, Dola.** Archer hit bull's eye.
Brar, Harbhajan Singh. Removed as President of Sai Mian Mir Foundation.
Debroy, Bibek. Quits PHDCCI.
Dohre, Virendra Kumar. Hunt on for 'rapist' SDM.
Gupta, Narayan alias Lakhan Bhaiya. Chhota Rajan aide shot dead.
Hansda, Jhanu. Hits bullseye.
Madan, Motilal (Dr). Takes over as VC of Ludhiana Veterinary Varsity.
Mahal, Anmol Singh. NRI elected medical body chief.
Narwal, Neha. Selected for national award.
Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiyya. Warrants against 'Raja Bhaiyya'.
Yadav, Mulayam Singh. Dares Oppn to oust his government.
13 **Srihari.** Telugu actor joins Cong.
14 **Atwal, Gurjeet Singh.** Stars in BSF victory.
15 **Mahto, Baidyanath Prasad.** Bihar minister on BPL list.
Mishra, S.N. Dead.
Mukherjee, Pranab. Arunachal Pradesh ours, says Pranab.
Mukherjee, Rani. Rude Rani shocks media.

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Nag, Rajat M. Appointed ADB's chief.
Poonia, Kapoor Singh. Held for assaulting driver.
Rai, Aishwarya. In Cash Row.
Singh, K.D. GCM: Siachen CO held guilty on 2 counts.

16 **Bhiwandiwalla, Mubina.** Found guilty.
Chopra, Vidhu Vinod. Punjab Rattan award installed.
Khanna, Avinash Rai. In 'verbal duel' with Navjot.
Kishan Shrikanth. At 10, he is world's youngest film director.
Mufti Mohammad Sayeed. Harps on self-rule in J&K.
Ravinder Kaur. Sworn in as PPSC member.
Samuel, A.M. Priest thrashed.
Sidhu, Navjot Singh. He and BJP chief in 'verbal duel'.
Swami, Amit. Wins IFBB award.
Tanawade, Sadanand Shet. BJP legislator chargesheeted.

17 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** Dares CM Amarinder Singh to debate.
Bawa, R.S. (Dr). PMT muddle: Contempt proceedings against him.
Dalal, J.S. (Dr). Medical College Principal suspended.
Gujjar, Rohtash. Honest labourer returns Rs 2 lakh jewellery.
Kaif, Katrina. Dargah notice for Katrina.
Lall, Jessica. Jethmalani open to retrial.
Likhi, Abhilaksh. To be PS to Rao Inderjit.
Malik, M.S. (DGP). Issar to probe charges against him.
Narasimha, K. Excise Secy charged.
Nek Chand. First Asian to get International Living Heritage Medal.
Pawar, Anand. Shocks top seed Chetan.
Sachar, Rajinder (Justice). Submits Sachar report.
Sahibi, Geeta Ram. HPMT paper leak: forest officer held.
Samuel, A.M. Attack most foul.
Shah, Mulchand. Found guilty.

18 **Ambani, Anil.** Retains richest Indian tag.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Retains richest Indian tag.
Nehwal, Saina. Wins, Nikhil loses.

19 **Beniwal, Preeti.** Preeti loses opening bout.
Ganguly, Sourav. Extends olive branch to Chappell.
Parihar, Seema. Bandit Queen II, goes political.
Puttur, Abdul Rashid Hussainar. Dawood gang member arrested.
Ramdev, Swami. A big hit at Wagah.
Sharma, Jugal Kishore. Amritsar Improvement Trust chief indicted in plot scam.

20 **Banerjee, Sukumar.** Appointed WB BJP president.
Chahal, B.I.S. Complaint against him.
Gupta, Anara. Recieves Court notice.
Verma, V.K. (Capt). Rai Principal is chief of national council.

21 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Bags Blitz title.
Balraj Singh. Claims decathlon gold.
Bhopinder Banta Singh. 75-plus breaks her 100m record.
Chunchun Kumari. UNICEF poster girl works in a dhaba.
Mahajan, Rahul. Accused of torturing wife.
Pathan, Ejaz. Ex-Dawood aide found guilty.
Rai, Aishwarya. Customs' clean chit to Ash.

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Rao, Kuldeep. CPMT: Minister's brother gets bail.
Srivastava, G.M. NCW seeks action against him.
Thakral, K.K. (Dr). Awards for don, researcher.

22 **Gurjar, Om Prakash.** Gets kids peace prize.
Johal, Narinder Singh. NRI to script his family saga.
Kanjhla, Gobind Singh. Misbehaviour with cop: Court acquits him.
Marykom, M.C. Books semis berth.
Mogya, Jugraj. Poacher surrenders.
Ranjit Singh, Bhai. Fires salvo against Sarna brothers.
Sharma, M.L. Appointed as CBI's Spl Director.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Gets bail.
Varma, Moni. 'Asian of the Year'.

23 **George, Paul.** Indian longest serving prisoner.
Somal, Kit (Umar). From Ludhiana to HP Hall of Fame.
Sopori, Bhajan (Pandit). Sangeet Vibhuti award for him.

24 **Bansal, Narendra Kumar (Prof).** Gets two-year extension.
Dalal, J.S. (Dr). His suspension stayed.
Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed). Sainiks barge into his conference.
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25 **Bhullar, Gaganjeet.** Lifts Samarvir trophy.
Chandla, Manohar Singh. Comes out with book on Banda Bahadur.

26 **Avtar Singh, Bhai.** He is singer par excellence.
Gurbaj Singh. Replaces Rasquinha.
Kang, H.S. Clinches Am-Am title.
Makkar, Avtar Singh. Elected as SGPC chief again.
Narlikar, Jayant Vishnu. Another feather in his cap.
Nitish Kumar. To address IIM faculty.
Shampura, Gurwinder Singh. Removed from SAD.
Yadav, Bharti. In India: lawyer.

27 **Dhillon, Hardeep.** Appointed hockey team managers.
Khan, Shah Rukh. Is new host of KBC.
Rai, Aishwarya. Bachchans, Ash in Kashi.
Rai, Rajbir Kaur. Rajbir hockey team manager.
Rajnath Singh. Re-elected BJP chief.
Swraj Paul, Lord. Offers scholarships for Pak students.
Thathai, Kharaiti Lal. Social worker dead.

28 **Akula, Vikram.** Named Social Entrepreneur.
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Mayawati. Maya case should go on, says SC.
Mirza, Sania. Among top tennis beauties.
Paswan, Sanjay. Deserts Laloo Yadav.
Pawar, Sharad. Springs to Gregs defence.
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Sood, D.D. Sworn in as H.P. HC judge.
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30 **Chunchun Kumari.** Unicef poster girl to get free education.
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Madra, S.S. (Lieut-Col). Lt-Col suffers loss of service.
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Ramdev, Swami. Invites Gandhians' wrath.
Sharma, S.P. (Dr). FAI Golden Jubilee Award for him.
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01 **Barsat, Harchand Singh.** Quits as PS to CM.
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02 **Bhullar, Davinder Pal Singh.** Acquitted.
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03 **Bhatia, G.S. (Prof).** Punjabi writer 'Arif' dead.
Jayalalithaa, J. Madras HC dismisses her IT appeal.
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04 **Antil, Seema.** Flunks dope test.
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Chandraswamy. Charges framed against him.
Dutta, Jyoti Kishan. Appointed as Director-General of CRPF.
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Jeev Milkha Singh. Seals another win.

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Tata, Ratan. Bags award.
Javed Akhttar. Withdraws case, HC slaps Rs 1 lakh on him.

05 **Antil, Seema.** Is in the Hall of Shame.
Bhatnagar, Shelly. Paper leak: held.
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Humpy, Koneru. Bags India's first gold.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Breaks into top 50.
Mehta, Zubin. Gets elite US award.
Narang, Chander Prakash. Gets Het Ram Sharma award.
Sawarkar, Sameer. Entrepreneur awarded.
Sharma, Arvind. Veterinarian honoured.
Sharma, S.M. Appointed as ADGP, Crime.
Yadav, Sadhu. Surrenders.

06 **Advani, Pankaj.** Wins gold in billiards in Doha.
Bajwa, Vikramjit Singh. Asks for BJP ticket from Amritsar.
Barowalia, J.N. (Dr). Appointed Law Secretary.
Chakravarty, Pinak R. India's new envoy.
Chatterjee, Somnath. Speaker-NDA rift widens.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Settles for bronze.
Soren, Shibu. Gets life term.

07 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Ganguly must back himself: Wessels.
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Saini, Sumedh Singh. Charges against Saini framed.

08 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** Is let off in attempt to murder case.
Chatterjee, Somnath. Speaker continues to face BJP's wrath.
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Manmohan Singh (Dr). PM's conduct is disgraceful: BJP.
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Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Tops UK's rich list.
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Ramadoss, Anbumani. EC clears him in OoP case.
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Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Rathore row resolved.
Shahabuddin, Mohammad. Lands in fresh trouble.
Sidhu, Navjot Singh. Submits bail bond.

09 **Antil, Seema.** Exonerated, but refuses to compete.
Bajwa, Vikramjit Singh. In race for Amritsar LS seat.
Banerjee, Mamata. Buddha invites her for talks.
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Bhagirath Singh. Wins bronze in equestrian in Doha.
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Rajeshwar, T.V. Recall Governor, SP urges Kalam.
Singh, R.P. Lucknow V-C shuts down varisty.
Thakkar, Yangar. Veteran scribe dead.

10 **Bharucha, Chitra (Dr).** First Indian to head BBC.
Goyal, Kritika. Has three kidneys.
Patkar, Medha. Held for participation in Singur movement.
Singla, Somesh. Singla back in Congress.

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11 **Bhanu, P.** His book released.
George, Anju Bobby. Brings glory for India.
Manjhi, Dasharath. A Padma for a mountainous task?
Mirza, Sania. Breezes into last eight.
Modi, Narendra. Leadership award for Modi.
Williams, Sunita (Suni). After Kalpana, she soars into space.
12 **Barsat, Harchand Singh.** Back with CM; talks with teachers today.
Bhardwaj, S.P. (Dr). His suspension revoked.
Jaisha, O.P.V. Wins bronze in 5000m.
Jhakar, Geetika. Wins silver, bronze in wrestling.
Johnson, Varghese. Gets boxing bronze.
Kathunangal, Sawinder Singh. His sentence upheld, quits as MLA and PFAC chief.
Onkar Singh (Dr). Honoured.
Pande, Alka. French award for her.
Poonia, Krishna. Bags bronze.
Rushdie, Salman. Fatwa helped me write novel: Rushdie.
Sharma, S.P. Appointed as planning secretary.
Tomar, Alka. Bags silver, bronze in wrestling.
13 **Choudhary, Rajesh.** Sailor Rajesh wins bronze.
Guru, Mohammad Afzal. Early decision on him unlikely: Patil.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Rises to 45th spot.
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Rana, Jaspal. He is the best sportsperson.
Ravi Kissen. Big B? No, no, it's Ravi Kissen...
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14 **Bimoljit Singh, M.** Wins wushu bronze.
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Engles, Derick (Dr). Appointed as Dean at GNDU, Amritsar.
Guru, Mohammad Afzal. Moves SC.
Kathunangal, Sawinder Singh. To be shifted to ICU.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. To buy 50 pc in Kazakh oil firm.
Paes, Leander. End of the road of companianship with Bhupathi.
Sidhu, Navjot Singh. Moves SC.
Verma, L.R. (Dr). No undue favour to VC, says HPU Registrar.
Yuvraj Singh. Yuvraj, mother feel sorry for fracas.
15 **Dravid, Rahul.** Dravid only Indian batsman in top 10.
Jakhar, Balram (Dr). Not to return to active politics: Jakhar.
Krishnamurthy, K. Charged with sending vulgar SMS, arrested.
Marak, E.D. Booked for slapping.
Rajendra Rajan. State award for 'Band Darwaze'— a collection of stories.
Sushil Kumar. Wins wrestling bronze.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Is best ODI bowler!
16 **Banerjee, Mamata.** VP fails to get her break fast.
Bhinder, Sukhbans Kaur. Dead.
Bhopinder Singh (Lieut-Gen). Appointed Lt-Governor of Andaman & Nicobar.
Dahiya, Vijay. Retires from cricket.
Dalbir Kaur. Sarabjit's sister rejoins Cong.
Rana, Jaspal. IOA blamed for Rana faux pas.
Satpal Singh. SC revives plea against Una MLA.

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Yuvraj Singh. Case filed against him.

17 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Suggests alternative to Singur land.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. BCCI chucks him out.
Hooda, Deepender Singh. Honoured for doing bounden duty as Rohtak M.P.
Rodrigues, S.F. (Gen-retd). Mann for his recall.
Yuvraj Singh. Yuvraj's birthday bash: Statements recorded.

18 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Her condition worsens as strike continues.
Gill, Gaurav. Wins in J.K. Tyre National Championship.
Khiamniungan, L. Palang. Naga leader shot dead.
Mitra, D. (Col). GCM acquits him in sexual assault case.
Rajput, Sanjeev. Sets new record.
Soundarajan, Santhi. Fails gender test.
Williams, Sunita (Suni). Joins spacewalkers' club.

19 **Grewal, J.S. (Dr).** To head Punjab education panel.
Kohli, Sardara Singh. Dead.
Mallick, Tapasi. Death of girl at Singur; Mamata calls for bandh.
Mohanty, M.K. Rioting: Jail D-G shifted.
Sandhu, Ajeetesh. Selected, then discarded — IGU style.
Sehgal, N.K. (Prof). PU panel finds Prof guilty.
Sharma, Manu. Manu guilty; Lalu not.
Soundarajan, Santhi. TN honours Santhi.
Surinder Arjun. To take on Darbari Lal in Punjab Elections.
Tikoo, R.K. Appointed D-G (Prisons).
Tuteja, S.K. To head pay panel of Punjab.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. 'Justice for us'; Lalu, Rabri pray.

20 **Burman, Shivika.** Wins title in Tenis in Africa.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Refuses to quit CAB.
Jain, Shanti (Dr). Shankar Puraskar for her.
Manjeet Kaur. Basks in golden glory.
Sharath Kamal, Achanta. Posts win in Spanish League.
Soundarajan, Santhi. Her family to seek TN CM's help in regarding her Doha Silver.
Sreesanth, Shantakumaran. Fined for breaching ICC Code.

21 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Puts off two-day strike.
Ganguly, Sourav. Sourav's showing exceptional: Vengsarkar.
Mehta, Goverdhan (Prof). Science Congress to honour him.
Parekh, Deepak. Parekh to head panel on core sector funds.
Sharma, Manu. Life term for Manu.
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Verma, L.R. (Dr). Paper leak: NSUI defends him.

22 **Hardyal Singh.** Medallist par excellence.
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Muivah, Thuingaleng. Naga rebel leader arrives in India.
Sudarshan, K.S. RSS doors open to Muslims: Sudarshan.
Verma, Abhi. Death for killers of schoolboy.

23 **Atri, Hemant.** Awarded Patarkarita Puraskar of Haryana.
Bahel, Sanjay. Admits to bribing UN official.
Deve Gowda, H.D. Mohan replaces Gowda as JD(S) chief.
Geetanjali Gayatri. Award for the *Tribune* reporter.
Jain, Sharda. Life sentence for her.

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Kahlon, Harmeet. Kahlon bags golf title.
Mohan, Surendra. Replaces Gowda as JD(S) chief.
Nalini Singh. Slapped in Nepal.
Shastri, Ravi. Case filed against him for eating beef.

24 **Abhiyankar, Sanjeev.** Is a vocalist of international eminence.
Nalini Singh. IANS regrets Kathmandu story on her.
Rashid, Afsana. Wins Sanjoy Ghose award.
Rode, Jasbir Singh (Bhai). His house raided, four picked up.
Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col). Killed in Baramulla encounter.

25 **Giani, Harpreet (Barrister).** Chandigarh lawyer brings laurels from London.
Jamwal, K.S. (Lt-Gen). Appointed GOC-in-C, Eastern Command.
Kapoor, Deepak (Lt-Gen). Is new Army Vice-Chief.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Honorary degree for him.
Renu Singh. Hockey player attempts suicide.
Saradindu Pal. BCCI treasurer misquoted me, says Pal.
Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col). Was extremely popular among jawans.'
Sukhvinder Singh. CIPS award for GAV Principal.
Thakur, Jai Ram. His selection as BJP chief in H.P. setback to Shanta.

26 **Nanu Raju.** Indian honoured.
Pandey, G.D. Promoted as ADGP.
Pathan, Irfan. Sent back home.
Patwalia, Paramjit Singh (Justice). Youngest HC Judge resigns.
Sabherwal, O.P. Award to O.P. Sabherwal.
Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col). Cremated with honours.

27 **Babulal.** Quits as UP minister.
Bhatia, Sanjay. Appointed PHDCCI chief.
Jaswal, J.S. (Brig). Armyman's widow accuses him of sexual harassment.
Khurana, Raj. Joins BJP.
Paswan, Ram Vilas. Paswan re-elected LJP chief.

28 **Banerjee, Mamata.** NDA ask Kalam to intervene in Singur.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Resigns from CAB.
Gandhi, Sonia. Thackeray targets Sonia.
Jaitley, Jaya. CBI chargesheets her.
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Tata, Ratan. Blames competitors for trouble.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. Mesmerises Harvard students.

29 **Barsat, Harchand Singh.** Resigns from Cong.
Jung, Anuja. Himachal CM honours her for achievements in shooting.
Jung, Samresh. Himachal CM honours him for achievements in shooting.
Kalra, Ajmer Singh. CPMT paper leak: Admits tutoring candidates.
Sharma, Atul. Mullana medico wins laurels.
Shukla, Saurabh. M S Oberoi media awards for him.
Sinha, Alok. Appointed FCI chief.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Told not to exceed limits of service rules.

30 **Gursharan Singh.** SNA Rattan award is befitting honour for him.
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Mankunnil, Suresh. Tehelka: CBI chargesheet against him.
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Rastogi, Karan. Marches into final.
Thamburaj, Noble (Lt-Gen). Appointed as Bombay Sappers' Col Cmdt.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. His issue continues to echo in Vidhan Sabha.
Vaiko. MDMK splits, Vaiko expelled.

31 **Bajwa, Sukhdeep Singh.** Re-appointed Wildlife Warden.
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29 **Sharma, Rahul.** Gets PMs Baton at Republic Day camp.
30 **Bhupathi, Mahesh.** Wins 10th Grand Slam title.
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31 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Wins fifth Corus title.

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03 **George, Anju Bobby.** Honoured.
07 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Completes 14,000 ODI runs.
10 **Negi, Parimarjan.** Begins with win.
11 **Rana, Jaspal.** Breaks world record.
12 **Sengupta, Deep.** Upsets Sarunas.
14 **Bikram Singh, O.** Completes golden double.
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15 **Jaswinder Singh.** Wins gold.
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26 **Milkha Singh.** Milkha, felicitated.

March

02 **Ghamanda Ram.** Strides to a new record.
03 **Jora Singh.** Sets national record.
04 **George, Anju Bobby.** Leaps to gold medal.
Mirza, Sania. Bush is a Sania fan.
14 **Gulati, Sunil.** US soccer chief.
Varsulkar, Solomon. Indian shines.
15 **William Xalco.** To replace Harpal.
17 **Kunjarani Devi, N.** Lifts first gold.
19 **Chanu, Yamnam Renu Bala.** Lifts gold.
Dravid, Rahul. Retained as captain till World Cup.
Jung, Samresh. Shoots golden double.
22 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Beats Vallejo Pons.
Antil, Seema. Wins silver in discus.
Harpreet Singh. Boxing: Harpreet, assured of medal.
Johnson, Varghese. Assured of medal.
Jung, Samresh. Wins fourth gold.
23 **George, Anju Bobby.** Qualifies for final.
Jung, Samresh. Golden finish for him again.
24 **Jung, Anuja.** Anuja shoots gold.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Shoots gold.
25 **Jitender Kumar.** Cash reward for him.
Narang, Gagan. Narang clinches gold.
26 **Akhil Kumar.** Wins boxing gold.
Anand, Chetan. Wins bronze.
Sharath Kamal, Achanta. Storms into TT final.
27 **Sharath Kamal, Achanta.** Bags TT gold.
28 **Narang, Gagan.** Books Olympic berth.
29 **Harbhajan Singh.** Spoils England party.

April

01 **Raina, Suresh.** Steers India to thrilling win.
02 **Pariyar, Vimal.** Pariyar stars in India's win.
03 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Joins 2,800-point club.
Chaudhary, Anuj. Wins gold.
Cheema, Palwinder Singh. Palwinder wins gold.
Harpreet Singh. Boxer honoured.
04 **Gagan Ajit Singh.** To lead India.
Yuvraj Singh. Powers India to facile win.
05 **Harpreet Singh.** Declared as best judge.
Rajput, Sanjeev. Sets new record.
06 **Jung, Samresh.** Gets David Dicksen Trophy.
08 **Digvijay Singh.** Wins.
10 **Jung, Samresh.** Wins title with ease.
11 **Bains, Gurbhajan Singh.** Veteran wins laurels.
Vijay Kumar. Shines.
12 **Amanpreet Singh.** Wins gold.

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13 **Sawant, Tejaswini.** Tejeswini pips Anjali to win gold.
14 **Geeta Rani.** Geeta Rani honoured.
Jung, Samresh. Shoots gold.
16 **Khan, Shamim.** Wins title.
17 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Wins China Open.
18 **Sandhu, Manavjit Singh.** Clinches gold.
20 **Mukesh Kumar.** Sets greens ablaze.
22 **Mukesh Kumar.** Pips Mundy for golf title.
24 **Dharam Pal.** Delhi Police rider bag top honours.
27 **Balbir Singh.** Is best Sikh hockey player.
Gupta, Abhijeet. Thumping win for him.
28 **Gulati, Saurabh.** Selected.
Rajpurohit, Anant. Gallops to victory.
29 **Mukesh Kumar.** Wins Noida Open.
30 **Hooda, K.D.S. (Maj).** Wins tent pegging title.
Rai, Sonia. Wins bronze in shooting.
Talukdar, Jayant. Leads in archery meet.

May

02 **Sethuraman, S.P.** Secures maiden IM norm.
03 **Buddhia Singh.** Enters Limca Book of Records.
04 **Pathan, Irfan.** Third in all-rounders list.
05 **Mongia, Dinesh.** Hits 165 for Leicester.
06 **Ashok Kumar.** Wins golf title.
13 **Sandhu, Manavjit Singh.** Books Olympic berth.
14 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Outplays Topalov.
Chandhok, Karun. Grabs pole position.
15 **Talukdar, Jayant.** Hits gold.
17 **Jung, Samresh.** Felicitated.
Sasikiran, Krishnan. Beats Malakhov.
19 **Pramanik, Pinki.** Stars as India grab 3 gold.
21 **Parwinder Singh.** Parwinder wins.
22 **Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh.** Books Beijing berth.
Talukdar, Jayant. Gets Rs 1 lakh prize money.
23 **Pramanik, Pinki.** Wins two gold medals.
27 **Chopra, Varun.** Breaks 109-year-old record.
Jung, Samresh. Olympic berth eludes him again.
Pramanik, Pinki. Claims golden double.
28 **Bhutia, Baichung.** Declared NFL's best player.
Das, Neelotpal. Negi bags IM title.
29 **Nehwal, Saina.** Wins Philippines Open.

June

04 **Narang, Gagan.** Books 2nd Olympic quota berth.
Sethi, Geet. Wins world pro title.
07 **Vidyadhar, J.B.S.** Vidyadhar qualifies.
08 **Bhopinder Banta Singh.** Sets Asian record.
09 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Makes historic sortie in fighter jet.
12 **Gowda, Vikas.** Wins discus gold.
13 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Clinches title in style.
15 **Mirza, Sania.** Sania wins.

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16 **Dravid, Rahul.** Dravid back at No. 2 in Test rankings.
22 **Arun Prakash (Admiral).** Flies MiG-29.
24 **Harikrishna, Pendyala.** Records win.
Negi, S.C. Oldest Indian scales Mt Everest.
29 **Aditya Vikas.** Emerges surprise leader.

July

07 **Gambhir, Gautam.** Stars in India A win.
09 **Sukhi, Sukhwinder Kaur.** Offered mountaineering training in Europe.
13 **Pallikal, Dipika.** Wins.
14 **Jaggi, Hussan Singh.** Scales Mount Everest.
19 **Gupta, Abhijeet.** Bags maiden GM norms.
26 **Sharma, Rashmi.** Kolkata girl swims English Channel.
Vickraman, Sonika. Wins gold.
28 **Harinderpal Singh.** Scripts victory over Canada.
Sandhu, Manavjit Singh. Wins another gold for India.
30 **Bhullar, Gaganjeet.** Wins golf title.
Harikrishna, Pendyala. Wins.

August

04 **Vikramjit Singh.** Vikramjit stars in Indian win.
05 **Ashish Kumar.** Wins bronze in Asian gymnastics.
07 **Kumble, Anil.** Spins Surrey to victory.
Sidhu, Avneet Kaur. Rs 5 lakh for Avneet's training, equipment.
08 **Kartar Singh.** His golden streak continues.
Negi, Parimarjan. Stays in joint lead.
Sharma, Bhakti. Wins marathon.
09 **Harikrishna, Pendyala.** Wins title.
11 **Tejinder Pal Singh.** His consistent show rewarded.
12 **Barua, Dibyendu.** In joint lead.
Bhullar, Gaganjeet. Clinches golf title.
Narender Kumar. Indian grappler bags gold.
Tyagi, Apoorva. Indian grapplers bag two gold.
13 **Babita Kumari.** Wins gold medal.
15 **Sunil Kumar.** Wins gold in world boxing meet.
19 **Advani, Pankaj.** Guides India A to victory.
20 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Avenges his defeat.
21 **Tejaswini, V.** Continues to make a splash.
Tipri, Surabhi. Continues to make a splash.
22 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Bags Mainz crown.
24 **Advani, Pankaj.** Bags coveted Khel Ratna.
26 **George, Anju Bobby.** Sets game record.
29 **Popat, Aparna.** Arjuna Award was overdue: Aparna.
30 **Advani, Pankaj.** Kalam confers Khel Ratna and Arjuna Award on him.
Bodh, Chering Norbu (Subedar). Honoured.
Nehwal, Saina. Quells Soratja's challenge.
31 **Kashyap, P.** Causes upset, Saina loses.

September

02 **Kular, Sarfraz Singh (Maj).** Scales Mt Elbrus.
03 **Goswami, Jhulan.** Bowls eves to historic victory.
Gurvinder Kaur. Rules the pool.

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Puneet Rana. Rules the pool.
04 **Manuja, Ronak Mahesh.** Wins ITF title.
05 **Raghunath.** Replaces Sandeep in World Cup squad.
Sandhu, Manavjit Singh. Wins gold.
09 **Kapoor, Jayesh.** Wins kudos in New Jersey.
10 **Anwar, Mohammad.** Wins gold medal in kickboxing.
Jhanu Hansda. Breaks world record in Archery.
Nehwal, Saina. Breaks into top 30 in Badminton.
12 **Rai, Tarundeep.** To lead at World Cup.
18 **Alphonso, Leelamma.** Wins marathon.
Mirza, Sania. Plans to set up tennis academy.
Satya Prakash. Wins marathon in New Delhi.
23 **Chawla, Piyush.** Stars in colts win.
25 **Chetri, Sunil.** Stars in Delhi win.
Shetty, Nishit. Steers MCA to victory.
26 **Priyanka Singh.** Wins gold.
29 **Mirza, Sania.** Turns the tables on Higis.
30 **Prasanna, Erapalli.** Gets Castrol Award.

October

03 **Chau Myaseng Thoomten.** National Rank and Bolt award winner.
Tendulkar, Sachin. His scorcher sets up big win.
06 **Pillay, Dhanraj.** Shines in Airlines win.
07 **Puneet Rana.** Betters own record.
08 **Poncha, Rehan.** Sets record in 200 m back stroke swimming.
Poonia, Krishna. Upsets Antil for discus gold.
09 **Shobha, J.J.** Leaps to gold.
10 **Kunjarani Devi, N.** Breaks national record in weight lifting.
14 **Dalip Singh.** Army biker's triumph.
15 **Purav Raja.** Wins tennis titles.
16 **Thakur, Keshav.** Excels in 50m butterfly.
21 **Jahangir (Hav).** Is overal champion in Golf Championships 2006-2007.
23 **Atwal, Arjun.** Breaks into top 20.
Chandhok, Karun. Crowned Asian Formula Renault V6 champ.
24 **Randhawa, Jyoti.** Wins Indian Open in golf.
25 **Randhawa, Jyoti.** Becomes highest ranked Indian golfer.
27 **Nicolette, Sharmila.** Catches up with Shruti.
28 **Nicolette, Sharmila.** Wins golf title.
29 **Harika, Dronavalli.** Wins world title.
Ivana Furtado. Ivana wins world title.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Takes sole lead.
30 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Registers historic win.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Wins golf title.

November

02 **Cherian, Devi.** Gets 'Sarv Sreshte Suputri' award.
Tirkey, Dilip. In FIH's All Star team.
03 **Neha.** Uberoi sisters stun top seeds.
Shikha. Uberoi sisters stun top seeds.
07 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Slams unbeaten ton.
09 **Dandekar, Swati.** Swati wins.

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10 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Eclipses Tiger on day one.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Eclipses Tiger on day one.
12 **Banerjee, Dola.** Archer hit bull's eye.
Hansda, Jhanu. Hits bullseye.
Narwal, Neha. Selected for national award.
14 **Atwal, Gurjeet Singh.** Stars in BSF victory.
17 **Pawar, Anand.** Shocks top seed Chetan.
18 **Nehwal, Saina.** Wins, Nikhil loses.
21 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Bags Blitz title.
Balraj Singh. Claims decathlon gold.
Bhopinder Banta Singh. 75-plus breaks her 100m record.
22 **Marykom, M.C.** Books semis berth.
24 **Rana, Abhishek.** Bags two gold.
25 **Bhullar, Gaganjeet.** Lifts Samarvir trophy.
26 **Gurbaj Singh.** Replaces Rasquinha.
Kang, H.S. Clinches Am-Am title.
28 **Mirza, Sania.** Among top tennis beauties.
Rahelu, Rajinder Singh. Wins bronze in Asian meet.
29 **Amanjeet Kaur.** Bags two gold in Punjab School games.
Shinde, Priyanka D. School games: She bag gold.
Vats, Kuldip. Indian is Asian kabaddi chief.
30 **Marykom, M.C.** Lok Sabha hails Marykom's feat.

December

02 **Kullu, Jyoti Sunita.** Honoured to be flag-bearer.
04 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Seals another win.
05 **Humpy, Koneru.** Bags India's first gold.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Breaks into top 50.
06 **Advani, Pankaj.** Wins gold in billiards in Doha.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Settles for bronze.
08 **Narang, Gagan.** Bags bronze medal in shooting in Doha.
Rana, Jaspal. Gold for him at Australia cup in Melbourne.
09 **Bhagirath Singh.** Wins bronze in equestrian in Doha.
11 **George, Anju Bobby.** Brings glory for India.
Manjhi, Dasharath. A Padma for a mountainous task?
Mirza, Sania. Breezes into last eight.
12 **Jaisha, O.P.V.** Wins bronze in 5000m.
Jhakar, Geetika. Wins silver, bronze in wrestling.
Johnson, Varghese. Gets boxing bronze.
Poonia, Krishna. Bags bronze.
Tomar, Alka. Bags silver, bronze in wrestling.
13 **Choudhary, Rajesh.** Sailor Rajesh wins bronze.
Jeev Milkha Singh. Rises to 45th spot.
Lahiri, Anirban. Silver for him.
Rana, Jaspal. He is the best sportsperson.
14 **Bimoljit Singh, M.** Wins wushu bronze.
Dutt, Yogeshwar. Wrestling: he wins bronze.
15 **Dravid, Rahul.** Dravid only Indian batsman in top 10.
Sushil Kumar. Wins wrestling bronze.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Is best ODI bowler!

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18 **Rajput, Sanjeev.** Sets new record.
19 **Soundarajan, Santhi.** TN honours Santhi.
20 **Burman, Shivika.** Wins title in Tenis in Africa.
Manjeet Kaur. Basks in golden glory.
Sharath Kamal, Achanta. Posts win in Spanish League.
21 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Sourav's showing exceptional: Vengsarkar.
Surkumar Singh. He is AIFF Player of the year.
22 **Hardyal Singh.** Medallist par excellence.
23 **Kahlon, Harmeet.** Kahlon bags golf title.
26 **Nanu Raju.** Indian honoured.
28 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Set to enter Tiger's den.
29 **Jung, Anuja.** Himachal CM honours her for achievements in shooting.
Jung, Samresh. Himachal CM honours him for achievements in shooting.
30 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Jeev wins Punjab Rattan.
Rastogi, Karan. Marches into final.

Academic. Scientific. R&D

January
04 **Rao, C.N.R. (Prof).** First recipient of India Science Award.
11 **Aulakh, K.S. (Dr).** On Right-To-Food group of NHRC.
Bains, Raghbir Singh (Dr). Akal Takht honours him as Sikh scholar.
12 **Amrik Singh (Dr).** Given UGC Outstanding Educationist award.
Dua, H.K. KU honours Dua with honorary D.Lit degree.
18 **Vijh, Ashok (Dr).** Chandigarh boy president of Canadian Academy of Science.
19 **Kuldip Singh (Dr).** To chair session in Pakistan.
24 **Pooja.** Wins First prize in essay writing.
25 **Dahiya, S.S. (Dr).** HAU Dean to head national body.

February
20 **Sharma, Man Mohan.** Indian on NAE honour list.

March
07 **Fazili, M.R.** Award for scientists, student.
21 **Mitra, Sugata (Dr).** He brought revolution in computer teaching.
23 **Biswas, Asit K. (Prof).** Stockholm Water Prize for him.
28 **Minhas, P.S. (Dr).** Karnal scientist honoured.

April
09 **Jakhar, Krishan Kumar (Dr).** Professor awarded.

May
06 **Anita Kumari.** Tops HP Class XII exam.
Krishan Lal. Tops HP Class XII exam.
09 **Pruthi, Mona.** Delhi girl tops IAS exam.
13 **Sharma, Shilpa.** Tops H.P. Class X exam.
14 **Bajpai, R.P. (Dr).** GJU V-C honoured.
19 **Dhawan, Manish.** Tops ICSE exam in Punjab.
21 **Anand, Sat Paul (Prof).** Honoured.
25 **Mahajan, Raghu.** UT boy tops engineering entrance test.
28 **Singh, S.P. (Dr).** India Vision Foundation Award for GNDU VC.
Vijay Pratap Singh, Kunwar. India Vision Foundation Award for him.
29 **Ahuja, Kirti.** Gets 98.2 pc in Punjab Class X.
Mittal, Vipul. Panipat boy tops Class X exam with 98.6 pc.

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June

10 **Heena.** Nawanshahr girl tops in Punjab matric exam.
12 **Khera, Rohan.** Selected for Biology Olympiad.
13 **Bansal, Parkash.** Tops CET.
30 **Vasan, G.K.** Wins P.V. Sukhatme National Award.

July

17 **Sapra, Kashmir Chand (Dr).** Hisar teacher in Limca Book.
31 **Grover, Indu (Prof).** Hisar prof gets World Bank project.

August

05 **Inderpal Singh (Dr).** To be felicitated today.
23 **Katyal, J.C. (Dr).** Award for him.
27 **Biswas, Asit K. (Prof).** Gets top environment prize.
Chaudhary, Madhu. Kangra girl tops HAS exam.
31 **Balajit, Vikraman (Dr).** Gets Bhatnagar award.
Beigh, Gufran Ullah (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar awards.
Bhakuni, Vinod (Dr). Get Bhatnagar awards.
Biswas, Indranil (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar awards.
Dabholkar, Atish (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Gokhale, Rajesh Sudhir. Gets Bhatnagar award.
Lele, Ashish (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Mittal, Sanjay (Dr). Wins Bhatnagar award.
Prasad, L.V. Gets Bhatnagar award.
Puri, Sanjay (Dr). Receives Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award.
Sampath, Srinivasan (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Sangwan, Virender Singh (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Sengupta, Pulak (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.
Thomas, K. George (Dr). Gets Bhatnagar award.

September

02 **Sharma, Manorma (Dr).** Award for retired music teacher.
09 **Mahalanobis, Abhijit.** Indian American chosen 'Scientist of the Year'.
13 **Gill, Rajinder Jeet Hans (Prof).** Appointed Fellow in Academy of Sciences.
14 **Chinoy, Mala R.** Wins Trailblazer award.
15 **Raha, Subir.** 'Energy Executive of the Year' Award for him.
19 **Yadav, Lalu Prasad.** 'Professor' Lalu's wagon rolls into IIM-A.
24 **Khush, Gurdev Singh (Dr).** To be honoured.
25 **Khush, Gurdev Singh (Dr).** Meets PM for biotech institute in Punjab.

October

14 **Srivastava, Parmanand (Prof).** Vyas Samman for him.
17 **Sandhu, D.D.S. (Lieut-Gen).** Gen Sandhu awarded honorary doctorate.
Singal, Savita (Dr). Canadian fellowship for her.
26 **Lonia, Badhai.** Gets engineering doctorate degree.

November

21 **Thakral, K.K. (Dr).** Awards for don, researcher.
26 **Narlikar, Jayant Vishnu.** Another feather in his cap.
Nitish Kumar. To address IIM faculty.
29 **Ramaswamy, Sriram (Prof).** GD Birla award for him.
30 **Sharma, S.P. (Dr).** FAI Golden Jubilee Award for him.

December

05 **Chugh, Darshan Lal.** Gets Het Ram Sharma award.

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Narang, Chander Prakash. Gets Het Ram Sharma award.
09 **Kailath, Thomas.** Indian American professor honoured.
12 **Pande, Alka.** French award for her.
25 **Sukhvinder Singh.** CIPS award for GAV Principal.

Business. Professional

January
09 **Banerjee, Milon.** Honorary Bencher of Lincoln Inn, London honour for him.
Walia, Apjit. Makes mark with macro approach.
12 **Sreedharan, E.** DMRC chief among world's top newsmakers.
Sreedharan, E. KU honours him with honorary D.Sc. degree.
16 **Kumar, Asmita.** Awarded Sena Medal.
18 **Randhawa, Nikki (Haley).** Sikh American woman is Republican whip.
20 **Rao, Bharat.** Indian is 'Inventor of the Year'.
25 **Kuldip Singh (Dr).** Honoured at Pak surgeons' meet.
26 **Chaitanya, S.S. (Sqn-Ldr).** Gets VSM posthumously.
Dhillon, T.S. President's Police Medal for him.
28 **Mattewal, Hardev Singh.** Honoured.
29 **Nilekani, Nandan.** IT prodigy reaches dizzy heights.

February
01 **Gill, Charanjit Singh.** Young farmer honoured for diversification.
10 **Girija Devi.** Musahhar woman to address UN session.
17 **Kuldip Singh (Dr).** Heads gastro endo surgeons body.

March
01 **Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas.** To get Eisenhover Award.
07 **Kuldip Singh (Dr).** Gets FRCS.
08 **Sibal, Hira Lal.** Felicitated.
11 **Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas.** Richest Indian, in Forbes list.
23 **Mehla, Siddharth.** 'Highest' pay package for Karnal boy.

April
01 **Singla, Surinder (Dr).** TB specialist honoured.
02 **Singh, A.K.** Decorated.
10 **Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas.** Richest Asian in UK.
13 **Dutt, Barkha.** 'Journalist of the Year' award for her.
21 **Deulgaokar, Atul Chandrakant.** Gets Prem Bhatia award.
29 **Harcharan Singh (Dr).** Honoured.

May
02 **Akula, Vikram.** Among top 100 most influential people.
08 **Tyagi, S.P. (Air-Chief-Marshal).** Air Chief turns skydiver.
09 **Deulgaokar, Atul Chandrakant.** Prem Bhatia awards presented to him.
Navika Kumar. Prem Bhatia awards presented to him.
13 **Malhotra, Jitender (Dr).** Doctor awarded.
Nandwal, A.S. (Dr). Award presented.

June
19 **Mittal, Sunil Bharti.** CEO of the year.

July
06 **Mallya, Vijay.** Takes Taittinger's wine arm for $15 m.
09 **Goyal, Raghubir.** Indian scribe celebrates birthday with Bush.
11 **Ambani, Mukesh.** India's 'most influential' tycoon.

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August

11 **Chaturvedi, Shailesh.** Gets SJFI awards.
Dhiman, Sarkar. Gets SJFI awards.
15 **Bhullar, Gurjot Singh.** Gets VSM.
Nirmal Singh. President's Police Medal for DGP of Haryana.
Thomas, James (Maj). Kirti Chakra awarded to him posthumously.
Vijay Pal Singh. Kirti Chakra awarded to him posthumously.
16 **Aulakh, Amarjit Singh (Lt).** Awarded this year's Shaurya Chakra.
18 **Nachiketa, K. (Flight-Lieut).** IAF's Kargil hero Nachiketa soars higher.
20 **Mittarpal Singh.** Receives best coach award.
24 **Premji, Azim.** Azim Premji in Forbes list.
25 **Bhatti, Rajwinder Singh.** Honoured.
26 **Ambani, Anil.** Voted top business icon.

September

01 **Bhatia, Sabeer.** Decks cleared for his IT venture.
05 **De, Shobhaa.** Unveils her clothesline.
08 **Lalit, C.R.B.** Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award for him.
20 **Gawande, Atul.** MacArthur fellowship for Indian-origin surgeon.
23 **Kavitark Ram Shriram.** Shines in Forbes list of richest Americans.
Swraj Paul, Lord. Among influential UK entrepreneurs.
25 **Bajaj, Rajiv.** Makes to Forbes cover.

October

02 **Mittal, Sunil Bharti.** Gets fellowship from IETE.
03 **Ambani, Anil.** Is 3rd richest Indian.
04 **Nooyi, Indra.** Most powerful businesswoman in world.
05 **Rani Abhay (Dr).** Jamnalal Bajaj award for Dr Rani.
Subba Rao, S.N. Jamnalal Bajaj award for Subba Rao.
10 **Sreedharan, E.** Delhi Metro chief awarded.
12 **Kidwai, Naina Lal.** In global power list.
Kochhar, Chanda. In global power list.
Shaw, Kiran Majumdar. In global power list.
15 **Sidhu, Harjinder Singh.** Lands at Rajasansi on Air Slovakia's maiden flight.
16 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Topples Premji as India's richest person.
20 **Garg, Ashok (Dr).** Award for doc.
Narayana Murthy, N.R. Launches CII drive against graft.
26 **Shroff, Chanda.** Indian embroiderer wins global award.
28 **Bana Singh.** PVC winner Bana Singh honoured.

November

04 **Mehta, Navin (Dr).** Indian-American surgeon to be honoured.
18 **Ambani, Anil.** Retains richest Indian tag.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Retains richest Indian tag.
19 **Ramdev, Swami.** A big hit at Wagah.
29 **Pitambre, M.H.** Intrepid Major kills top militant.

December

01 **Nilekani, Nandan.** Is Forbes Businessman.
Williams, Sunita (Suni). Set for space odyssey.
02 **Gurbachan Singh (Dr).** Farm research award for him.
04 **Tata, Ratan.** Bags award.
05 **Sawarkar, Sameer.** Entrepreneur awarded.

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Sharma, Arvind. Veterinarian honoured.
08 **Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas.** Gets 'Leadership Award'.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Tops UK's rich list.
10 **Bharucha, Chitra (Dr).** First Indian to head BBC.
11 **Williams, Sunita (Suni).** After Kalpana, she soars into space.
12 **Onkar Singh (Dr).** Honoured.
18 **Gill, Gaurav.** Wins in J.K. Tyre National Championship.
Williams, Sunita (Suni). Joins spacewalkers' club.
21 **Mehta, Goverdhan (Prof).** Science Congress to honour him.
23 **Atri, Hemant.** Awarded Patarkarita Puraskar of Haryana.
Geetanjali Gayatri. Award for the *Tribune* reporter.
24 **Rashid, Afsana.** Wins Sanjoy Ghose award.
25 **Giani, Harpreet (Barrister).** Chandigarh lawyer brings laurels from London.
26 **Sabherwal, O.P.** Award to O.P. Sabherwal.
28 **Yadav, Lalu Prasad.** Mesmerises Harvard students.
29 **Sharma, Atul.** Mullana medico wins laurels.
Shukla, Saurabh. M S Oberoi media awards for him.

Social. Political

April
04 **Anand Satyanand (Justice).** Ethnic Indian New Zealand's Governor-General.
07 **Patkar, Medha.** JNU staff, students back her cause.
08 **Patkar, Medha.** Gets international support.
June
16 **Tharoor, Shashi.** India's candidate for UN top job.
July
27 **Mehrotra, Ravi Kumar.** Honoured with CBE.
28 **Malhotra, Lalita.** Indo-Canadian named to Order of Canada.
August
01 **Kejriwal, Arvind.** Magsaysay Award for him.
17 **Malik, J.K. (Justice).** Honoured.
Seechewal, Balbir Singh (Sant). Kalam recognises his exemplary effort.
19 **Tomar, Ajit.** Enduring hunger to protect Right to Information.
21 **Deshpande, Nirmala.** Gets Sadbhavana award.
24 **Cherian, Devi.** Rajiv Gandhi award for her.
31 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Steals show at Shatabdi Samagam.
Tejbir Singh. SGPC honours Tejbir Singh.
September
11 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Honoured with 'Kohenoor-e-Kaum' award.
20 **Bir Devinder Singh.** Is best Parliamentarian.
21 **Virbhadra Singh.** NSUI honours Virbhadra.
25 **Gurdit Singh, Giani.** Awarded by Unesco.
29 **Banerji, Supriya.** Conferred Order of British Empire.
Puri, Jag Mohan. Conferred Order of British Empire.
Seth, Roshan. Conferred Order of British Empire.
October
03 **Chauhan, Ram Babu Singh.** Kabir Puraskar for him.
20 **Swraj Paul, Lord.** Honoured by House of Commons.
26 **Gaj Singh II, Maharaja.** Award for Maharaja of Jodhpur.

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29 **Pratibha Singh.** NRI woman wins British award.

November

04 **Gill, Raminder Singh.** Indo-Canadian appointed Citizenship Judge.
22 **Gurjar, Om Prakash.** Gets kids peace prize.
Varma, Moni. 'Asian of the Year'.
23 **Somal, Kit (Umar).** From Ludhiana to HP Hall of Fame.
28 **Akula, Vikram.** Named Social Entrepreneur.
29 **Vajinder Singh.** National award for him.

December

11 **Modi, Narendra.** Leadership award for Modi.
17 **Hooda, Deepender Singh.** Honoured for doing bounden duty as Rohtak M.P.
25 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Honorary degree for him.

ACCUSED. FIR LODGED

January

04 **Ramdev, Swami.** His medicines have animal residue: Karat.
06 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Anti-tobacco group's notice to him.
15 **Chaturvedi, Ashok.** Flex head grilled.
16 **Ankhi, Bhag Singh.** Akal Takht summons him.
Sajjan Kumar. CBI to reopen 1984 cases against him.
19 **Raghavulu, B.V.** Rs 10 crore defamation suit against him.
23 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Sonia involved in Quattrocchi case: Swaraj.
24 **Gandhi, Sonia.** 'Help Quattrocchi mission' under her: BJP.
Jagir Kaur, Bibi. Another contempt notice to her.
26 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** NDA leaders meet Kalam to seek his resignation.
Yadav, Neera. All set for her trial as former Chief Secretary.
31 **Muttemwar, Vilas.** SC notices to Muttemwar.

February

06 **Ambani, Mukesh.** ADAE fires salvo at him.
07 **Dhaliwal, U.S.** (Dr). SGPC takes tough stand against.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Faces disciplinary action.
08 **Taslimuddin, Mohammed.** Bihar to reopen case against him.
09 **Chawla, Navin.** Trust funds: CEC to hear him.
16 **Abu Salem.** Retracts his confession.
18 **Natwar Singh, K.** ED questions him.
20 **Virk, S.S.** Arrest Virk for harbouring militants: Sukhbir.
25 **Jayalalithaa, J.** SC talks tough against her.
28 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Gets BCCI notice.

March

01 **Shailaja, Pujari.** Tests positive for banned drug.
02 **Bawa, R.S. (Dr).** Non-payment of taxes by him alleged.
11 **Amar Singh.** Gets EC notice.
18 **Ashwani Kumar (Dr).** Officials in dilemma over probe against minister.
Gandhi, Sonia. After Jaya Bachchan, BJP targets Sonia.
25 **Verma, Abhishek.** Advani, arms dealer framed me in Scorpene deal: Abhishek.
28 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Grilled for over seven hours.
29 **Raju, Edwin.** ASI inquiry panel grills him.
31 **Patel, Jayant (Dr).** Indian doctor banned in Queensland.

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April

03 **Mahajan, Promod.** Invites EC wrath.
Rakesh Kumar. Involved in human trafficking?
04 **Sodhi, P.S.** LAC Sodhi facing contempt proceedings.
05 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Interrogated by Mumbai police.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). EC collects CD of PM's speech.
06 **Chakraborty, Subhas.** EC files FIR against him.
07 **Modi, Lalit.** Zee to sue him.
08 **Mukherjee, Pranab.** BJP asks him to quit on Navy leak.
09 **Advani, Lal Krishna.** Suit filed against him.
Arjun Singh. EC questions him on quota.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Fresh allegations of fund misuse against him.
13 **Arjun Singh.** EC seeks further clarification from him.
14 **Dogra, Harish Kumar.** Envoy to New Zealand faces action.
16 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** 'CM hampering probe'.
Chawla, Navin. PIL seeks removal of Chawla as EC.
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. Gets another show-cause notice.
17 **Das, Amitabh.** Sex abuse by IPS officer: report submitted.
19 **Goswami, R. (Maj-Gen).** In dock on graft charges.
22 **Udit Narayan.** His first wife surfaces.
24 **Udit Narayan.** Gets notice for bigamy by women's body.
25 **Natwar Singh, K.** Justice Pathak issues second notice to him.
26 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** Complaints against him referred to EC.
30 **Udit Narayan.** Summoned in bigamy case.

May

05 **Surinder Arjun.** Probe against him ordered.
11 **Shahabuddin, Mohammad.** Trades blows in jail.
16 **Gill, Vikas.** HC for declaring him PO.
20 **Chawla, Navin.** BJP challenges Chawla's appointment.
27 **Purwar, Arun Kumar.** Charged with fudging DoB records.
31 **Khera, Shiv.** Pro-quota students to sue him.

June

01 **Natwar Singh, K.** Pathak panel examines him.
08 **Narayana Rao, Dasari.** Harasses daughter-in-law.
10 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** IT notice to him.
Thackeray, Bal. No respite for him in defamation case.
12 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** IT notice to him on bungalow.
Mika Singh. Kiss by him kicks up a row.
22 **Venugopal, P. (Dr).** Centre asks for his explanation.
23 **Virendra Mohan (Lt-Col).** Held blameworthy.
25 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Two Mahajan aides questioned.
Pandey, Sunil. 'Drunk' JD(U) MLA leaves Nitish red-faced.
26 **Pandey, Sunil.** FIR against MLA lodged.
27 **Khan, Salman.** Notice to him for 'misleading court'.

July

04 **Gupta, Anara.** Reopen Anara case, demands social activist.
09 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** Flees after embezzling donations worth crores.
10 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** Charges dera chief with 'inflicting mental torture'.
20 **Jairam Ramesh.** Under EC scanner.

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22 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Dalmiya damaged my career: Ganguly.
Ganguly, Sourav. Dalmiya damaged my career: Ganguly.

August

03 **Jaswant Singh.** Privilege notice against him.
04 **Kewal Kumar.** DGP asked to probe charges against him.
08 **Natwar Singh, K.** Pathak report indicts him, gives clean chit to Congress.
Pathak, R.S. (Justice). His report indicts Natwar, gives clean chit to Congress.
10 **Jayalalithaa, J.** CBI summons to her.
Kidwai, Yogita. Forgery case against her.
12 **Summanwar, Deepak H. (Lt-Gen).** Gen sent on 'forced leave'.
17 **Patel, Praful.** Include Praful's name in UTI scam if evidence found: HC.
20 **Patel, Amisha.** Threat charge: cops to grill her.
21 **Gavit, Manikrao.** CBI to investigate his links with mafia.
25 **Ramadoss, Anbumani.** HC warning over his inclusion.

September

01 **Daler Mehndi.** Summons for him.
02 **Summanwar, Deepak H. (Lt-Gen).** Gen had "improper" links with foreign nationals.
04 **Jagat Singh.** ED notices to him.
Natwar Singh, K. ED notices to him.
05 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** Charged for keeping exotic pheasants in captivity.
07 **Pawar, Sharad.** Telgi names him.
08 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** His farm has 'only Mongolian pheasants'.
Dayakar, R. Natwar rang him up for Sehgal's firm.
09 **Gill, K.P.S.** Khalra's widow moves HC over ex-DGP Gill.
16 **Ganguly, Ashok.** To probe allegations against CBSE chairperson.
17 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** BJP, Akali Dal demand FIR against him.
20 **Shankaran, Ravi.** War room leak: CBI attaches his property.
21 **Patel, Amisha.** Bank to sue her.
28 **Ansal, Sushil.** CBI holds him guilty.

October

03 **Selja.** Selja must quit for Agrofed scam: Chautala.
04 **Jairam Ramesh.** EC notice to him on holding office of profit.
11 **Fernandes, George.** FIR against him.
Jaitley, Jaya. FIR against Jaya.
Sushil Kumar (Admiral). FIR against ex-Navy chief.
17 **Gupta, Rabinder Nath.** FIR ordered against him.
19 **Sharma, Jugal Kishore.** Amritsar Improvement Trust chief in the dock.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). HC: action against him subject to final verdict.
20 **Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh.** Accused of fraud.
24 **Imrana.** Faces defamation suit.
27 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Sikh clergy condemns Mann.
31 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Sonia behind my problems, says Natwar.

November

02 **Gupta, P.C.** His appointment comes under scanner.
05 **Yadav, Lalu Prasad.** UPA using CBI to save Lalu, says NDA.
12 **Dohre, Virendra Kumar.** Hunt on for 'rapist' SDM.
15 **Mahto, Baidyanath Prasad.** Bihar minister on BPL list.
17 **Malik, M.S. (DGP).** Issar to probe charges against him.
Narasimha, K. Excise Secy charged.

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19 **Sharma, Jugal Kishore.** Amritsar Improvement Trust chief indicted in plot scam.
20 **Chahal, B.I.S.** Complaint against him.
Gupta, Anara. Recieves Court notice.
21 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Accused of torturing wife.
Srivastava, G.M. NCW seeks action against him.
28 **Mayawati.** Maya case should go on, says SC.
Rathee, P.V. ADGP gets earful from high court.
29 **Virbhadra Singh.** CM must come clean on issue of 'godfather': BJP.
Virbhadra Singh. CM protecting Thind: Nadda.
30 **Ramdev, Swami.** Invites Gandhians' wrath.

December

01 **Yadav, Bharti.** Turns hostile.
02 **Sidhu, Navjot Singh.** Road rage stumps him.
03 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Madras HC dismisses her IT appeal.
Nikalje, Deepak. Led Dalit rioters.
Rai, Aishwarya. Case against Ash.
Roshan, Hrithik. Case against Hrithik.
04 **Antil, Seema.** Flunks dope test.
08 **Shahabuddin, Mohammad.** Lands in fresh trouble.
15 **Krishnamurthy, K.** Charged with sending vulgar SMS, arrested.
Marak, E.D. Booked for slapping.
16 **Satpal Singh.** SC revives plea against Una MLA.
Yuvraj Singh. Case filed against him.
17 **Yuvraj Singh.** Yuvraj's birthday bash: Statements recorded.
19 **Sehgal, N.K. (Prof).** PU panel finds Prof guilty.
23 **Shastri, Ravi.** Case filed against him for eating beef.
27 **Jaswal, J.S. (Brig).** Armyman's widow accuses him of sexual harassment.
30 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** His issue continues to echo in Vidhan Sabha.

ACQUITTED

January

04 **Asha Kumari.** Contempt proceedings dropped against her.
20 **Bhullar, D.S.** Acquitted, to get rank of DGP.

February

16 **Yadav, Jagjivan Ram.** Regains freedom after 38 years.
22 **Sharma, Manu.** Menu, 8 others acquitted in Jessica murder case.

March

09 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Gets reprieve.
12 **Balwinder Kaur.** Court annuls her marriage with Hawara.
25 **Verma, R.C.** (Principal). DPI reinstates college Principal.

April

17 **Yadav, Neera.** Charges dropped against her.

May

29 **Jai Parkash.** Acquitted.

June

03 **Kapoor, Gaurav.** Released.

July

15 **Sandeep Singh.** Governor pardons ex-minister's son serving life term.

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August

11 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Privilege motion against him rejected.
12 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Speaker rejects motion against him.
24 **Jaswant Singh.** Notice against him rejected.

September

07 **Falahi, Shahid Badr.** Case against SIMI leader withdrawn.
17 **Ramani, Bina.** Released.

November

08 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Acquitted in TADA case.
21 **Rai, Aishwarya.** Customs' clean chit to Ash.
22 **Kanjhla, Gobind Singh.** Misbehaviour with cop: Court acquits him.
24 **Dalal, J.S. (Dr).** His suspension stayed.

December

02 **Bhullar, Davinder Pal Singh.** Acquitted.
08 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** Is let off in attempt to murder case.
Ramadoss, Anbumani. EC clears him in OoP case.
18 **Mitra, D. (Col).** GCM acquits him in sexual assault case.
19 **Yadav, Lalu Prasad.** 'Justice for us'; Lalu, Rabri pray.

APOLOGISED

January

11 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Apologises to anti-tobacco group.

February

19 **Thackeray, Bal.** Laments Valentine's Day attack.

April

27 **Bhardwaj, P.C. (Maj-Gen).** Apologises in court in contempt case.

August

04 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** He says sorry to Asma Jahangir.

October

08 **Harbhajan Singh.** Apologises to Sikh community.

December

24 **Nalini Singh.** IANS regrets Kathmandu story on her.

APPOINTED

January

03 **Srinivasan, M.S.** Appointed as Petroleum Secy.
04 **Bhattacharjee, Tara Gandhi.** Appointed Vice-Chairperson of Gandhi Samiti.
Manbir Singh. Envoy to Iran, presents credentials.
05 **Sidhu, Kusumjit.** Appointed as Principal Secretary of Punjab Govt.
06 **Katoch, D.C. (Brig).** Takes over as new Deputy DG, NCC.
07 **Lidder, Jasbir Singh (Lt-Gen).** To head UN peacekeeping mission.
Malik, Amit. Appointed as YC chief.
10 **Adarsh Kishore.** Appointed Finance Secy of Govt. of India.
Bhatnagar, K.K. Appointed FC (Revenue).
19 **Malvinder Mohan Singh.** Is Ranbaxy CEO.
20 **Bali, Vinod Kumar (Justice).** Appointed Kerala High Court CJ.
Rana, P.S. He is CIC.
21 **Piyush Singh.** Appointed as V-P of AFG.
22 **Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiyya.** Back as UP Cabinet Minister.

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28 **Grewal, Harjit Singh.** His elevation hailed.
30 **Shankardass, Rani Dhavan (Dr).** Appointed as penal reform chief.

February

01 **Bahuria, S.** Is Principal Secy (Finance).
Lakhanpal, K.R. Appointed as Punjab Chief Secretary.
Razdan, Anil. Appointed Addl Secy in Petroleum Ministry.
02 **Katyal, J.C. (Dr).** To be HAU Vice-Chancellor.
03 **Rajinder Singh, Jr.** Rajinder stays.
04 **Subburaman, K.** Appointed as Central Bank ED.
07 **Bhatia, Ashish.** Appointed as COO, Fortis hospitals.
Rakesh Chander. Absorbed in Punjab Police.
Thorat, Sukhadeo (Dr). Appointed as UGC chief.
08 **Gill, Jai Singh.** To head power regulatory panel.
Iqbal Singh. Appointed as SGPC media adviser.
09 **Sharma, S.K.** Appointed as Patiala Range IG.
23 **Singh, N.P. (Dr).** Appointed as ISTE regional head.
28 **Bhayana, S.L. (Judge).** Jessica killed, accused freed, judge promoted.
Mitra, Ashish Kumar. Appointed as BSF chief.

March

01 **Gurbachan Jagat.** Appointed Chairman of UPSC.
02 **Dubey, A.K.** Is CMD of FCI.
Pradhan, Satendra Dev (Dr). JIC Secy takes charge.
05 **Prasanna Kumar, G.** Appointed as CEO of Haryana's Mewat Dev Agency.
06 **Nambiar, Vijay Kunhianandan.** Nambiar is Annan's special adviser.
08 **Dangi, K.S. (Dr).** Appointed D-G of Haryana Animal Husbandry Dept.
17 **Pasrija, Mulkh Raj.** Appointed as OIL Chairman.
21 **Harpal Singh.** Appointed as CII Punjab council chief.
22 **Mishra, Nipendra.** Appointed as Trai chief.
25 **Mallya, M.D.** Appointed as Bank of Maharashtra CMD.
28 **Mathew, Thomas.** Appointed as LIC MD.
29 **Nair, M.V.** Appointed as Union Bank CMD.

April

01 **Koshy Koshy.** To join CRPF.
03 **Baskaran, V.** Tipped as new coach.
Brar, N.S. (Lt-Gen). Takes over command of Chetak Corps.
Sodhi, P.S. Punjab persists with controversial officer as LAC.
04 **Bhaskaran, Vasudevan.** Appointed chief coach.
Vajpayee, Naveen Chand. Replaces Chief Secretary of UP.
Wasu, Gagandeep Singh. Appointed as PPYC spokesman.
06 **Gill, K.P.S.** 'Supercop' Gill to take on Chhattisgarh Maoists.
07 **Gill, Harminder Singh.** On selection board.
08 **Thorat, Y.S.P.** Appointed as Nabard chief.
12 **Ramalinga Raju, B.** Appointed as Nasscom chief.
15 **Pandey, A.P.** Shifted as Punjab Vigilance chief.
18 **Kurien, V. (Dr).** Appointed as first Chancellor of Allahabad varsity.
19 **Karan Singh (Dr).** Goes as PM's envoy to Nepal.
20 **Ernst, K.P.** Appointed new envoy of India to New Zealand.
Mittal, Sunil Bharti. CII chief.
Nawab Singh. Appointed Registrar-General of Punjab & Haryana HC.

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Seshasayee, R. Appointed CII chief.
21 **Sabharwal, Ashwani.** Appointed as Chief Architect of Haryana.
25 **Srinath, Javagal.** Appointed as match referee.
26 **Haridas, Sujith.** Appoined as CII northern region Director.
28 **Sidhu, Amarjeet Singh.** Appointed DIG, Chandigarh Range.
30 **Gandhi, Maneka.** Heads Energy Globe Jury.

May

02 **Prashant, Prem.** Appointed Chief Secy.
Rao, C.N.R. (Prof). Appointed as National Research Professor .
Seshadri, C.S. (Prof). Appoinetd National Research Professor.
Siddiqui, Obaid (Prof). Appointed as National Research Professor.
06 **Dhillon, Kewal.** Is Arts Council chief.
08 **Karmakar, K.G. (Dr).** Appointed as Nabard MD.
09 **Randhir Singh.** On IOTF Board.
12 **Narang, P.D.** New PTL Chairman.
14 **Mohanty, J.K. (Lieut-Gen).** Appointed Colonel of Dogra Regiment.
19 **Bhattacharjee, Buddhadeb.** Sworn in as W.B. CM.
Gairola, P.L. Appointed as Dena Bank CMD.
21 **Dias, Ivan.** Mumbai's archbishop is Vatican's prefect.
23 **Sahai, S.M.** Appointed as IGP of Kashmir.
25 **Karora, Balbir Singh (Dr).** He is Disability Panel Chief.
Sangha, G.S. Appointed Hockey umpire.
26 **Tirkey, Dilip.** Back as captain.
31 **Chattopadhaya, Sidharth.** Shifted to BSF.

June

02 **Gopichand, Pullela.** Replaces Vimal as national coach.
Sharma, Satinder. To umpire in hockey World Cup.
03 **Ashwani Kumar (Dr).** To lead delegation to US.
Janni, Hans Raj. Appointed as Director, Prosecution of Haryana.
Thind, J.S. (Brig). To head Territorial Army Group.
06 **Rajinder Nath.** He is HCCI chief.
17 **Sharma, J.K.** Appointed as SJVN Director (Civil).
20 **Grewal, G.S.** Markefed gets new MD.
28 **Gupta, K.K.** Appointed as ST panel secretary.

July

01 **Bajwa, A.S. (Lt-Gen).** Lt-Gen is D-G, Artillery.
Bhatt, O.P. Appointed SBI Chairman.
Pande, Mohan (Lt-Gen). Appointed new DG, Military Operations.
02 **Vasisht, Praveen K.** Appointed Lawrance School Headmaster.
03 **Bansal, V.K.** Appointed GM of NFL.
Rangarajan, C. (Dr). To head J&K working panel.
Rasgotra, M.K. To head J&K working panel.
05 **Arora, Anil.** Appointed BBMB member.
06 **Dalal, R.S. (Dr).** Appointed HAU Registrar.
Katoch, Rajinder Singh. Appointed as Director, Personnel, SJVN.
09 **Dwivedi, Janardhan.** Appointed as AICC media in charge.
10 **Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh.** To head SAD-BJP seat-sharing panel.
11 **Krishnan, P.S.** Quota expert is Arjun's adviser.
13 **Narayana Murthy, N.R.** To be non-executive Chairman of Infosys.

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15 **Virbhadra Singh.** CM made patron-in-chief.
19 **Srinath, Javagal.** To officiate Lanka-SA series.
20 **Jaitley, Arun.** Panel on State-Centre ties: BJP nominates Jaitley.
21 **Sobti, R.C. (Prof).** To be new VC of Panjab University.
Vats, S.P. (Dr). Appointed as MDU Registrar.
22 **Jai Rup Singh (Dr).** Appointed GND varsity VC.
25 **Bhardwaj, K.C. (Dr).** Appointed VC of Devi Lal varisty.
Foujdar, Santosh Kumar (Justice). Court appoints Foujdar as observer.
26 **Ashwini Kumar.** New DGP of H.P.

August

01 **Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice).** Named CJ of Mumbai HC.
Sidhu, G.S. Damdami. Appointed as Editor of the *Punjabi Tribune.*
02 **Mahajan, A.C.** Appointed as Allahabad Bank CMD.
06 **Ranawat, Laxman Singh.** Promoted.
09 **Aul, A.N. (Lieut-Gen).** Appointed Chief of Staff, Western Command.
10 **Bhargava, Ravi Kamal.** Appointed NHRC Secy-Gen.
Gupta, Arun Kumar. Appointed as FCI Sr Manager.
19 **Roongta, S.K.** Appointed as SAIL chief.
22 **Narang, T.D. (Dr).** Appointed Dean Academic Affairs of GNDU.
24 **Chaudhary, Kiran.** Made convener of Panchayat Mahila Shakti abhiyan.
26 **Brijeshwar Singh.** Takes over as Prasar Bharati CEO.
Promilla Issar. Made VC of BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya.
28 **Rao, S.P.** Appointed as GAIL CMD.
29 **Chatterjee, Bhaskar.** Takes charge.
Jaglan, R.S. (Dr). Appointed as GJU Registrar.
31 **Arun Kumar (Justice).** Appointed TDSAT chief.
Sharma, R.S. Appointed as ONGC Chairman.

September

01 **Mahajan, Arvind (Lt-Gen).** Appointed as EME D-G.
Menon, Shiv Shankar. Appointed new Foreign Secy.
Zargar, Abdul Aziz. Mehbooba wants Dy CM replaced by him.
02 **Mehta, Sureesh (Vice-Admiral).** To be new Naval Chief.
Rao, Rajkamal. Appointed Railway Board member.
03 **Sinha, Pratyush.** Appointed as CVC.
Srikrishna, B.N. (Justice). To head 6th Pay Commission.
04 **Narayana Murthy, N.R.** To head IT Vision Group.
05 **Sharma, S.C.** Joins as IG, North-West Sector.
07 **Raghbir Singh.** He resumes charge on SGJC order.
09 **Bartwal, Digambar Singh (Lieut-Gen).** Assumes charge as D-G MI.
12 **Kullu, Jyoti Sunita.** To lead eves in Hockey World Cup.
15 **Gurjeet Singh (Dr).** Appointed as VC of the Law University in Punjab.
16 **Muthiah, A.C.** To head ICC committee.
Satyabrata Pal. Tipped to be Indian envoy to Pakistan.
17 **Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain.** Beigh back with a bang.
19 **Subodh Kumar.** Prof becomes trust member.
22 **Singla, Vijay Inder.** Appointed as PYC chief.
Vengsarkar, Dilip. Set to head selection panel.
24 **Shan, Ghulam Mohammad.** Shan appointed JKNPP spokesman.
27 **Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice).** Appointed CJ of Bombay HC.

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28 **Rao, Nirupama.** Appointed envoy to China.
Talwar, Arun. Takes over as Airport director.
Vengsarkar, Dilip. Made Chief Selector.
29 **Nagra, Kuljit Singh.** Appointed Punjab Khet Mazdoor Cong chief.
Pillai, G.K. Appointed as new Commerce Secretary.
30 **Shah, Zameer Uddin (Lieut-Gen).** Appointed as Deputy Army Chief.

October

01 **Menon, Shiv Shankar.** Takes over as Foreign Secy.
Thakur, B.S. (Lieut-Gen). Appointed as HPPSC Chairman.
02 **Vaidya, S.C. (Prof).** On tech education panel.
04 **Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice).** Takes over as Bombay High Court CJ.
05 **Dutt, Amar (Justice).** He is Chief Vigilance Commissioner of Punjab.
06 **Gill, G.S.** Becomes ADG, BSF.
08 **Birinderjit Singh.** Made PPCB.
10 **Aggarwal, V.K. (Dr).** Appointed KU Registrar.
Satyabrata Pal. Appointed High Commissioner to Pakistan.
12 **Agarwal, Yogesh.** Appointed MD of SBI.
Nagra, Kuljit Singh. Nagra installed head of Cong kisan wing.
14 **Sharma, V.K.** Appointed Director (Tech), NFL.
18 **Azmi, Shabana.** Heads Punjab panel on foeticide.
23 **Dhillon, S.S. (Lt-Gen).** Take charge as Quarter Master General.
25 **Antony, A.K.** Gets Defence Ministry.
Bajwa, Mohinder Partap Singh (Brig-retd). Takes over as PEDA chief.
Mukherjee, Pranab. Moved to External Affairs.
26 **Swamy, R.K. (Maj-Gen).** Appointed OTA Commandant.
28 **Sharma, G.D. (Justice).** Heads Dispute Redressal Forum.

November

01 **Dalal, Ranjiv Singh.** Appointed Haryana DGP.
Mehta, Sureesh (Vice-Admiral). Takes charge.
07 **Ahmad, Sagir (Justice).** Heads Kashmir Working Group.
11 **Dharmani, Pankaj.** To lead Punjab.
12 **Madan, Motilal (Dr).** Takes over as VC of Ludhiana Veterinary Varsity.
15 **Nag, Rajat M.** Appointed ADB's chief.
17 **Likhi, Abhilaksh.** To be PS to Rao Inderjit.
20 **Banerjee, Sukumar.** Appointed WB BJP president.
Verma, V.K. (Capt). Rai Principal is chief of national council.
22 **Sharma, M.L.** Appointed as CBI's Spl Director.
24 **Sharma, Harbans Kumar.** Takes over as HPSSSB chief.
27 **Dhillon, Hardeep.** Appointed hockey team managers.
Khan, Shah Rukh. Is new host of KBC.
Rai, Rajbir Kaur. Rajbir hockey team manager.
28 **Bedi, Harjit Singh (Justice).** Recommended for SC Judge.
29 **Jain, Vijender Kumar.** Takes over as Punjab & Haryana Chief Justice.
30 **Sujlana, R.S. (Maj-Gen).** Appointed as Colonel of Sikh Regiment.

December

01 **Dubey, A.K.** Appointed as State Election Commissioner.
Ganguly, Sourav. Ganguly is back.
04 **Dutta, Jyoti Kishan.** Appointed as Director-General of CRPF.

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05 **Sharma, S.M.** Appointed as ADGP, Crime.
06 **Barowalia, J.N. (Dr).** Appointed Law Secretary.
Chakravarty, Pinak R. India's new envoy.
12 **Sharma, S.P.** Appointed as planning secretary.
14 **Engles, Derick (Dr).** Appointed as Dean at GNDU, Amritsar.
16 **Bhopinder Singh (Lieut-Gen).** Appointed Lt-Governor of Andaman & Nicobar.
19 **Grewal, J.S. (Dr).** To head Punjab education panel.
Tikoo, R.K. Appointed D-G (Prisons).
Tuteja, S.K. To head pay panel of Punjab.
21 **Parekh, Deepak.** Parekh to head panel on core sector funds.
25 **Jamwal, K.S. (Lt-Gen).** Appointed GOC-in-C, Eastern Command.
Kapoor, Deepak (Lt-Gen). Is new Army Vice-Chief.
Thakur, Jai Ram. His selection as BJP chief in H.P. setback to Shanta.
26 **Pandey, G.D.** Promoted as ADGP.
27 **Bhatia, Sanjay.** Appointed PHDCCI chief.
29 **Sinha, Alok.** Appointed FCI chief.
30 **Thamburaj, Noble (Lt-Gen).** Appointed as Bombay Sappers' Col Cmdt.
31 **Bajwa, Sukhdeep Singh.** Re-appointed Wildlife Warden.

ARRESTED

January
15 **Yahya, Ghulam.** Mumbai Imam held for terror links.
16 **Dar, Abdul Waheed.** Arrested for bid on Mufti.
February
17 **Sinha, Yashwant.** In judicial custody.
March
09 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Held at Tanda.
14 **Kasliwal, Abishek.** In police custody till March 17.
21 **Bheora, Paramjit Singh.** Arrested.
27 **Patkar, Medha.** Detained, released.
April
07 **Jha, V.K.** Held in Navy war-room leak case.
Parashar, Kulbhushan. Held.
Rana, Vinod. Held in Navy war-room leak case..
16 **Gawli, Arun.** Booked.
21 **Daljit Singh Bittu.** Cops whisk him away.
26 **Rana, Sher Singh.** Prime accused in Phoolan murder case arrested.
May
14 **Munshi, Shyan.** Main witness of Jessica murder held for perjury.
June
03 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Detained.
05 **Mir, Ashraf.** Held in sex racket.
06 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Arrested.
07 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Gets 2-day police remand.
09 **Mahajan, Rahul.** 14-day judicial remand for him.
23 **Mir, G.A.** His arrest setback to Azad.
Mir, Javid Ahamd. Arrested.
30 **Yadav, Sadhu.** Order to arrest him.

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July

14 **Gurcharan Singh.** Judicial remaned for him.
Rajesh alias Raja. Most-wanted criminal held.
22 **Verma, Abhishek.** Prime accused in Navy war room leak case held.
27 **Goyal, Sulabh.** Youth held for threat mail to Kalam.

August

01 **Sheikh, Danish.** Journalist held for links with LeT.
08 **Fazl-ur-Rahman.** Dawood aide arrested.
13 **Barnala, Gaganjit Singh.** Held on rape charge.
15 **Barnala, Gaganjit Singh.** Judicial remand for Gaganjit.
18 **Bardhan, A.B.** Arrested.
Singh, V.P. Among 97 arrested.
Vijay Valmiki. Dreaded kidnapper held from Dehra Dun.

September

02 **Sharma, S.K.** Indian detained at Paris airport.
07 **Ramani, Bina.** Arrested.
08 **Ramani, Bina.** Gets police remand.
12 **Ramani, Bina.** Police custody of Ramani extended.
14 **Ramani, Bina.** In judicial custody.

October

04 **Asif Khan Bashir Khan.** Prime conspirator of Mumbai train blasts held.
12 **Shah, Shabir Ahmad.** Put under house arrest in Kashmir.
17 **Shah, Shabir Ahmad.** Shabir detained during protest.
19 **Nishan Singh.** Former militant held.
20 **Azad, Ravi.** Arrested in recruitment scam.
28 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** Arrested by CBI.
30 **Akbar Raj.** Held for e-mail threat case.

November

01 **Rafi Muhammad.** Main accused in CPMT case held.
03 **Bahel, Sanjay.** At UN held for fraud.
05 **Rathore, Salam Singh (Capt).** Held for spying.
11 **Kalra, J.C.** War room leak: Kalra in dock.
15 **Poonia, Kapoor Singh.** Held for assaulting driver.
17 **Sahibi, Geeta Ram.** HPMT paper leak: forest officer held.
19 **Puttur, Abdul Rashid Hussainar.** Dawood gang member arrested.

December

05 **Bhatnagar, Shelly.** Paper leak: held.
10 **Patkar, Medha.** Held for participation in Singur movement.

BAIL GRANTED

January

20 **Shahabuddin, Mohammad.** Gets bail.
26 **Nayak, Daya.** ACB restrained from arresting him.

March

03 **Dheer, Gautam.** Dheer case: HC points to lapses in arrest, release.
24 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** HC reprieve for Dalmiya.

April

14 **Khan, Salman.** Granted bail.
Patkar, Medha. Willing to furnish bail bond.

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19 **Sharma, Manu.** Manu, 6 others get bail in Jessica case.

May

11 **Daljit Singh Bittu.** Khalsa Dal chief granted bail.

June

02 **Kapoor, Gaurav.** Granted bail.
08 **Sharma, Harish.** Pramod Mahajan's key aide gets bail.
15 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Gets bail.
18 **Mika Singh.** Anticipatory bail for him.

August

02 **Chanchal, Narendar.** Granted bail.

September

16 **Ramani, Bina.** Gets bail.
27 **Vishwas, Rishi Gautam.** Bail for him.
30 **Vikramjit Singh.** Anticipatory bail for him.

October

11 **Mann, Gursewak.** Surrenders, gets bail.

November

04 **Bahel, Sanjay.** Granted bail.
11 **Goswami, Gautam.** Gets bail.
21 **Rao, Kuldeep.** CPMT: Minister's brother gets bail.
22 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** Gets bail.

December

08 **Poohla, Ajit Singh.** Gets bail in NDPS case.
Sidhu, Navjot Singh. Submits bail bond.

BAIL REJECTED

February

09 **Nayak, Daya.** His bail plea rejected.

March

21 **Bangar, K.C.** His bail plea rejected.

April

18 **Shahabuddin, Mohammad.** His bail plea rejected.

May

09 **Yadav, Sadhu.** HC rejects his bail plea.
11 **Sharma, R.K.** Bail plea put off in Shivani case.

June

14 **Srivastava, Babloo.** Babloo's plea rejected.

September

26 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** Bail plea of Baba Amrik dismissed.

November

01 **Amrik Singh, Baba.** SC rejects his bail plea.
10 **Dhanda, Rajinder Singh.** No anticipatory bail for him.

December

02 **Yadav, Vikas.** SC denies bail to him.

BOOK PUBLISHED. BOOK RELEASED

March

09 **Harjeet Singh (Col-retd).** His book on Sikh Light Infantry released.

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April

20 **Singh, H.P. (Dr).** Pathak releases his book on weed management.
21 **Malhotra, Inder.** His 2nd biography on Indira released.
27 **Ansari, Yusuf.** Pens book on Sonia.
30 **Gaur, J.R. (Dr).** Compendium released.

May

01 **Malik, V.P. (Gen).** Releases book on Kargil war.

July

04 **Sant Kumar.** His book released.

August

05 **Attri, Rajinder (Dr).** His book is released.
23 **Mohinder Pal Singh (Prof).** Atwal releases book on Sikhism.
27 **Ramoowalia, Iqbal.** Pens book on Khalistan.

September

17 **Kithan, Theckano.** Haryana CS releases book of poems.
23 **Chaudhary, Minakshi.** Her book on Himachal released.
Tickoo, M.L. (Prof). Indian English dictionary mooted by him.
25 **Hirsimran Singh.** 'Sikh Vision 2025' raises questions on clergy.

October

07 **Shivnath.** Book on Dogri literature released.

November

07 **Goswami, Indira.** Pens poems.
22 **Johal, Narinder Singh.** NRI to script his family saga.
25 **Chandla, Manohar Singh.** Comes out with book on Banda Bahadur.

December

11 **Bhanu, P.** His book released.

CHARGES FRAMED. CHARGESHEETED

January

05 **Gupta, Harsh.** Chargesheeted.
06 **Gupta, Harsh.** Charge-sheet against him biased: BJP.
10 **Siva Prasad, K.** IAS officer booked.
29 **Sajjan Kumar.** Court hands over Sajjan documents to CBI.

February

04 **Lodha, R.S.** SC no to quashing trial against him.
13 **Dhar, Nikhil.** Charged with intent to murder.
26 **Yadav, Sadhu.** Setback for him.
28 **Khan, Salman.** Charges framed against him.

March

04 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Jaya case: SC gives 2 months to trial court.
10 **Dhami, Kanwarpal Singh.** Mohali cops book him for sedition.
11 **Dhaliwal, R.S. (Prof).** CBI chargesheets PGI doctor.
19 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Appears in defamation case.

April

12 **Yadav, Sadhu.** He and 8 others chargesheeted.
16 **Abu Salem.** Chargesheeted in Dewani murder.
20 **Mehta, U.S.** Court of inquiry against BSF Commander.

June

11 **Katiyar, Vinay.** Booked.

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Verma, Sahib Singh. Booked.
24 **Calcutta, Manjit Singh.** SAD gives show-cause notice to him.

July
09 **Varma, Lalit.** Fudging case: IAS officer chargesheeted.
17 **Gur Iqbal Singh (Maj-Gen).** Court martial ordered against him.
19 **Dahiya, S. (Maj-Gen).** Faces court martial.
Lakshman, Bangaru. Chargesheeted in Tehelka case.
Sahni, S.K. (Lt-Gen). Faces court martial.

August
01 **Jayalalithaa, J.** CBI files charge-sheet against her.
03 **Goel, Puneet.** Challan filed against SDM in poaching case.
04 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Rahul chargesheeted for drug abuse.
06 **Ramani, Bina.** Forgery case against her.
12 **Raina, Deepak (Col).** Faces court martial for information leak.
18 **Gandhi, Maneka.** CBI files 2 cases against Maneka.
24 **Prabhakar, Manoj.** Booked in dowry case.

September
03 **Alam, Izhar.** Booked for wireless sets scam.
Attri, K.K. Top cops booked for wireless sets scam.
09 **Grewal, Mahesh Inder Singh.** Ex-minister booked.
15 **Ghansar, Mohammad Shoaib.** Tiger hit man Ghansar held guilty.
27 **Sidhu, Navjot Singh.** Murder case against him, hearing on November 16.

October
20 **Verma, Abhishek.** CBI files chargesheet against him.
23 **Jagmohan Singh (Prof).** Booked for cheating.
Masood, Rasheed. Charges framed against him.

November
05 **Dalal, J.S. (Dr).** Charge-sheeted.
16 **Tanawade, Sadanand Shet.** BJP legislator chargesheeted.
17 **Bawa, R.S. (Dr).** PMT muddle: Contempt proceedings against him.

December
04 **Chandraswamy.** Charges framed against him.
07 **Saini, Sumedh Singh.** Charges against Saini framed.
28 **Jaitley, Jaya.** CBI chargesheets her.
30 **Mankunnil, Suresh.** Tehelka: CBI chargesheet against him.
Raghupathy, M. Tehelka: CBI chargesheet against him.

COMPLAINS. CHALLENGES

January
04 **Ramdev, Swami.** Ready to face probe.
06 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Refuses to surrender before court.
Harvansh Singh. Defends Ramdev.
Jayalalithaa, J. Centre tapping my phone calls, alleges she.
08 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Mamata dares Bengal CM.
Karat, Brinda. Labour law core issue in Ramdev case, she says.
10 **Amar Singh.** Moves SC in phone tapping case.
Chawla, Laxmi Kanta. Decries Brinda Karat.
17 **Patel, Praful.** Threatens to resign as Union Minister.
24 **Amar Singh.** Moves SC against telephone tapping.

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28 **Kashyap, Gopal Krishan.** Chahal responsible for Gopal's death: Jagmeet.

February

01 **Mishra, Brajesh.** Criticises Indo-US N-deal.
03 **Gandhi, Sonia.** HC seeks verdicts on her citizenship.
05 **Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr).** Accuses trustees of pressure tactics.
08 **Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col).** Tehelka prosecutor alleges interference.
09 **Navneet Kaur.** Refuses to marry dowry-seeker.
16 **Khushboo.** Claims Rs 3 crore as damages.
18 **Yaqoob, Mohammad Haji.** Behead Danish cartoonist, get Rs 51 crore, says he.
22 **Rajinder Singh, Jr.** 'Unhappy' with team selection.
27 **Keshavan, Shiva.** Boycotts Olympic closing ceremony.

March

04 **Naqvi, Mukhtar Abbas.** Takes exception to entry of dogs in Rajghat.
05 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Banerjee panel used as tool: BJP.
Modi, Narendra. Left parties demand his resignation.
Ratna. 'Punished' for spilling beans, says Ratna.
Swaraj, Sushma. Rubbishes UC Banerjee panel report.
07 **Maheshwar Singh.** Locks horns with CM on ski village.
Virbhadra Singh. Maheshwar Singh locks horns with him on ski village.
10 **Sharma, Venod.** Drop him from Cabinet, demands INLD.
21 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** Accuses Rajnath of being controlled by Advani's 'coterie'.
30 **Jyotsana.** Haryana boxer feels ignored.
Patkar, Medha. Begins fast.
31 **Tahiliani, R.H. (Admiral-Retd.).** Moves SC on Scorpene deal.

April

04 **Surinder Arjun.** Durgiana panel alleges embezzlement against him.
05 **Ghoshroy, Subrata.** NRI accuses US Congress body of concealing fraud.
Rajinder Singh, Jr. IHF ruining Indian hockey: Rajinder.
08 **Kotwal, Koushal.** To contest against Azad.
12 **Mankotia, Vijai Singh (Maj).** Dares CM to sue him.
14 **Rajinder Singh, Jr.** Rajinder Jr slams IHF.
16 **Dogra, Harish Kumar.** Moves CAT against Saran.
Patkar, Medha. Her condition deteriorates.
17 **Modi, Narendra.** Begins fast; Medha Patkars effigy burnt.
19 **Katiyar, Vinay.** BJP to field him against Sonia.

May

03 **Kohli, Sumit (Capt).** Army orders probe into his death.
14 **Jindal, Naveen.** His election challenged.

June

02 **Raha, Subir.** Regrets 'distortion' of ONGC performance.
11 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** To lead protest against fuel price hike.
12 **Sawant, Rakhi.** Kiss by Mika kicks up a row.
17 **Sawant, Rakhi.** Moves NCW.
20 **Sawant, Rakhi.** Refuses out-of-court settlement.
27 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Flays Pakistan over dialogue with India.

July

07 **Venugopal, P. (Dr).** Moves HC on removal.
21 **Jaswant Singh.** Someone in the earlier PMO leaked N-secrets: Jaswant.
24 **Jaswant Singh.** PM dares him to name mole.

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26 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Files suit challenging BCCI's summon.

August

02 **Sampat Singh.** Cancel MoU with RIL, says he.
Sehwag, Virender. Rebuts Wright's claims on selection.
03 **Chidambaram, P.** His resignation sought.
09 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Leads campaign against Speaker.
10 **Bhatt, Mahesh.** Leads Muslim protest.
Natwar Singh, K. Key inputs ignored: Natwar.
18 **Sarna, Paramjit Singh.** Seeks ban on RSS-produced film.
19 **Gandhi, Maneka.** Case at behest of Sonia: Maneka.
23 **Jaswinder Singh.** Author refuses to appear before Akal Takht.

September

08 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Vande Mataram row unfortunate: Vajpayee.
14 **Kakodkar, Anil.** No compromise in N-deal: Kakodkar.
18 **Karat, Prakash.** Questions EC's role.
25 **Dhumal, Prem Kumar.** BJP flays CM for targeting Dhumal.
Rajnath Singh. Attacks UPA govt's Pak policy.
26 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Furore over reducing security for him.
Nitish Kumar. Lalu steps up campaign against his govt.
Yadav, Lalu Prasad. Steps up campaign against Nitish govt.
27 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Vajpayee refutes Musharraf's claims.

October

09 **Karat, Brinda.** Flays govt for acquiring land for industry.
10 **Sharma, Devender Kumar.** Govt to seek CBI probe into cadet's death.
11 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** PM's continuation in office challenged.
13 **Kanshi Ram.** Kin demand probe into his death.
Kapil Dev. Clueless on his role as NCA chief.
14 **Chandumajra, Prem Singh.** Demands white paper on City Centre scam.
Dhaliwal, D.S. (Justice). Lok Pal toothless tiger, he says.
15 **Bindra, I.S.** Decries ICC's 'hypocrisy'.
17 **Sinha, Yashwant.** Sinha rejects Pervez claim.
18 **Singh, J.J. (Gen).** Insurgency along border unabated: Army Chief.
31 **Natwar Singh, K.** Sonia behind my problems, says Natwar.

November

03 **Lodha, R.S.** Files Rs 100-cr defamation suit against Birlas.
04 **Sharma, Manu.** Manu seeks new Bench.
10 **Randhawa, Ranjit Singh.** Bibi Jagir Kaur seeks transfer of HC judge.
Sandhu, Satwinder Singh. Outgoing HYC chief walks out of function.
12 **Yadav, Mulayam Singh.** Dares Oppn to oust his government.
15 **Mukherjee, Rani.** Rude Rani shocks media.
17 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** Dares CM Amarinder Singh to debate.
22 **Ranjit Singh, Bhai.** Fires salvo against Sarna brothers.
28 **Rasquinha, Viren.** Axed Rasquinha cries foul.
Thind, Bhupinder Singh. Accused CBI officer of implicating him.

December

06 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Speaker-NDA rift widens.
08 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Speaker continues to face BJP's wrath.
09 **Singh, R.P.** Lucknow V-C shuts down varisty.
14 **Sidhu, Navjot Singh.** Moves SC.

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16 **Rana, Jaspal.** IOA blamed for Rana faux pas.
19 **Surinder Arjun.** To take on Darbari Lal in Punjab Elections.
25 **Saradindu Pal.** BCCI treasurer misquoted me, says Pal.
28 **Banerjee, Mamata.** NDA ask Kalam to intervene in Singur.
Tata, Ratan. Blames competitors for trouble.

CRITISED. IN CONTROVERSY. INDICTED

January
01 **Joshi, Sanjay.** His CD case given to CID.
Vajpayee, Atal Bihari. Atal a fraud, says Jyoti Basu.
12 **Gehlot, Ashok.** Attended House for 6 days in 2 years.
17 **Hussain, M.F.** Protest against his paintings of Hindu gods.
29 **Koirala, Manisha.** Call to boycott her films.

February
04 **Aggrawal, C.L.** His promotion annoys CVC.
07 **Chawla, Navin.** Lands in controversy over trust funds.
09 **Hussain, M.F.** His effigy burnt.
Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Calcutta spits fire against him.
12 **Hussain, M.F.** VHP burns his effigy.
17 **Virk, S.S.** SAD seeks his removal, to meet PM.
19 **Qureshi, Yakub.** Haj minister must be arrested: Chawla.

March
08 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** HC flays Banerjee panel for publicising report.
20 **Josh, Harcharan Singh.** Sikh bodies seek his removal from NCM.
Raghbir Singh. Action against SGPC secy.
21 **Josh, Harcharan Singh.** SGPC chief for his removal.
23 **Satender Singh.** MP targets Civil Aviation Chief.
29 **Sehwag, Virender.** Clamour for Viru's head gains momentum.
31 **Avtar Singh.** SGPC ex-chiefs gun for him.

April
06 **Khanna, Arvind.** Has been mostly absent from House.
28 **Gavaskar, Sunil.** PCB wants Gavaskar out of ICC panel.
29 **Feroz Khan.** His comments in Pakistan kick off row.
Natwar Singh, K. Cong unhappy over his remarks.
Vishwanathan, Kaavya. Kaavya's act — "morally reprehensible, unpardonable".

May
10 **Sehwag, Virender.** BCCI warns Sehwag.
24 **Hussain, M.F.** Withdraw his exhibition: forum.
Pandey, Ashutosh. Lucknow SSP on 'Hall of Shame' list.

June
02 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** A weak PM: Mann.
17 **Tharoor, Shashi.** Pak may challenge his nomination.
19 **Pattabhiraman, S. (Lt-Gen).** Suspend Army Vice-Chief, says Sushma.
Tharoor, Shashi. Unfazed by Pak challenge.
26 **Rajeshwar, T.V.** Adviser issue: Governor leaves for Delhi.

July
08 **Ramadoss, Anbumani.** Sack Ramadoss: BJP.
22 **Kumaraswamy, H.D.** Probe ordered against him.

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August
02 **Patti, Kashmir Singh.** Plea to quash his appointment.
05 **Verma, L.R. (Dr).** VC's effigy burnt.
10 **Kapilan, Jaya.** Boy courts controversy.
20 **Josh, Mohinder Singh.** Sikh bodies to take legal action against him.
September
01 **Hathi, M.K. (Capt).** Indicted official made A-I safety chief.
03 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Mann dividing Punjabis: BJP.
08 **Rao, Nirupama.** Lankan minister's outburst against her.
16 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Misses House session again.
17 **Kalicharan.** Mayawati is "Daulat ki Beti", says IJP chief.
Mayawati. Termed "Daulat ki Beti".
18 **Jagjit Singh, Chaudhary.** Another controversy haunts him.
20 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** 35 SGPC members seek action against him.
25 **Dravid, Rahul.** Shastri slams his style of captaincy.
Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Courts controversy by honouring Ganga Singh.
28 **Ahamed, E.** BJP seeks his resignation.
October
04 **Kaif, Katrina.** Katrina's dress raises eyebrows.
12 **Fernandes, George.** Left raps him for dragging Kalam, Sonia in Barak deal.
13 **Shinde, Sushil Kumar.** SC flays Shinde's role in pardoning Cong man.
Venkata Reddy, Gowru. SC flays Shinde's role in pardoning him.
17 **Modi Lalit.** Speed slams Modi.
19 **Joseph, Cyriac (Chief Justice).** His jokes unpalatable, says Bar to him.
24 **Narayanan, M.K.** Has damaged case against Pak: BJP.
November
15 **Rai, Aishwarya.** In Cash Row.
December
01 **Raje, Vasundhara.** Lip-lock row.
03 **Sharma, Jugal Kishore.** 6 revolt against Amritsar Trust Chairman.
05 **Antil, Seema.** Is in the Hall of Shame.
07 **Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh.** 'Allegations against him baseless'.
08 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** PM's conduct is disgraceful: BJP.
09 **Rajeshwar, T.V.** Recall Governor, SP urges Kalam.
17 **Rodrigues, S.F. (Gen-retd).** Mann for his recall.
28 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Thackeray targets Sonia.

ELECTED

January
02 **Kherawala, M.H.** Takes over as CBDT Chairman.
Rajnath Singh. Takes over as BJP chief.
03 **Chawla, Nand Lal.** Elected Bhiwani MC chief.
Debroy, Bibek. Is PHDCCI Secy-Gen.
04 **Dhanda, Harish Rai.** He is new Bar Council chief.
08 **Soz, Saifuddin (Prof).** His nomination a setback to Azad camp.
15 **Sharma, Ramakant.** Elected as H.P. Bar Council chief.
23 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Is WEF co-chairman.
25 **Gurbax, Malhi.** Elected to Canadian House of Commons.

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26 **Grewal, Harjit Singh.** Farmers' leader made national secy of BJP.
Shanta Kumar. Appointed as BJP Vice-President.
29 **Hussein, Shahnawaz.** Replaces Naqvi.
Jaju, Shyam. Is BJP HQ in charge.
Yediyurappa, B.S. To be BJP's choice as CM: Rajnath.
30 **Nilekani, Nandan.** Infosys CEO on WEF Board.
Purandareswari, D. NTR's daughter given berth to weaken TDP.

February

01 **Chellarai, Rajkumar.** Indian American nominated to key post.
04 **Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh.** Appointed SAD poll panel chief.
08 **Sandhu, Jaspal Singh (Dr).** Nominated on EB of AFSM.
10 **Virender (Prof).** Made Political Adviser to Haryana CM.
16 **Krishnaswamy, M.** Is new TN Cong chief.
17 **Ajwinder Singh.** Re-elected as NRI Sabha chief.
Jaitley, Arun. Made Punjab BJP incharge.
18 **Benegal, Shyam.** Benegal nominated to RS.
Bhartia, Shobhana. Bhartia nominated to RS.
Vatsayan, Kapila. Nominated to RS.
28 **Puri, T.P.S.** Puri is BAI Vice-President.

March

03 **Surat Singh, Puranji.** Elected Akhand Kiratani Jatha head.
05 **Bhagwant Singh (Dr).** On Asia Pacific dental panel.
07 **Saharan, R.P. (Dr).** Elected vice-chief of national body.
13 **Bakhshi, Rakesh.** Nominated U-14 team manager.
15 **Sandhu, Gurinderjit Singh.** Elected as Golf Club President again.
21 **Arjun Singh.** Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Bhardwaj, Hans Raj. Elected to RS from Haryana.
Narayana Rao, Dasari. Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Patel, Praful. Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha.
Thakur, Viplove. Elected to RS.
22 **Kulwant Singh.** Elected as chairman of Haryana CCI.

April

01 **Bose, Biman.** Elected CMP state secy.
04 **Butail, K.G.** Heads tea planters' body.
05 **Malik, M.S.** Elected as President of Haryana SWA.
12 **Yadav, Sharad.** Elected as new JD (U) chief.
28 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Wins by record margin.

May

07 **Jindal, Naveen.** New HOA chief.
26 **Akbar, M.J.** Akbar is president of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

June

09 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Elected to RS unopposed.
16 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Wins M'rashtra RS seat.
22 **Birla, Kumar Mangalam.** Joins as Idea Chairman.
23 **Choudhary, Virender.** Elected chief of Greenwich students' union.
27 **Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas.** To become President of Arcelor-Mittal.

July

25 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Returns to Rajya Sabha.

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31 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Wins CAB poll.

August

11 **Hassan, Ghulam (Sheikh).** Elected chief of Jamait-e-Islami.

28 **Gupta, B.C. (Dr).** Is shooting body chief.

Mayawati. Elected BSP chief for second term.

September

04 **Valecha, Pawan.** Elected as president of Janshakti party.

11 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Nominated CPA vice-patron.

12 **Sule, Supriya.** Elected to RS.

14 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Re-elected Hurriyat chief.

17 **Bedi, P.S.** Elected Race Club chief.

19 **Koda, Madhu.** Takes over reins of Jharkhand.

21 **Koda, Madhu.** Wins trust vote in Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha.

24 **Vijay Shanker.** CBI Director is member of Interpol body.

27 **Pawar, Sharad.** Retains top BCCI post.

28 **Poonia, Rajesh (Dr).** Heads teachers' body.

October

09 **Azad, Desh Prem.** Nominated to Vizzy panel.

29 **Henry, Avtar.** Re-elected chief of Punjab Motor Union.

November

08 **Farooq, Umer, Mirwaiz.** Retains top post in Hurriyat.

Khajuria, Ashok. Set to head BJP.

12 **Mahal, Anmol Singh.** NRI elected medical body chief.

26 **Makkar, Avtar Singh.** Elected as SGPC chief again.

27 **Rajnath Singh.** Re-elected BJP chief.

December

01 **Bedi, Raman.** Heads UK physicians' body.

09 **Batra, J.P.** Elected chief of global railways panel.

23 **Mohan, Surendra.** Replaces Gowda as JD(S) chief.

27 **Paswan, Ram Vilas.** Paswan re-elected LJP chief.

31 **Jaspal Singh.** Ex-envoy in SAD panel.

GETS DEFEATED. LOSES. DECLINES

January

22 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Kamsky stuns Anand.

28 **Dharam Singh, N.** Dharam Singh Govt set to fall.

30 **Ganguly, Sourav.** No place for him in one-day squad.

March

03 **Alok Kumar.** Loses.

07 **Sehwag, Virender.** Slips in Test rankings.

12 **George, Anju Bobby.** Fails to qualify.

25 **Mirza, Sania.** Sania crashes out.

Tendulkar, Sachin. Slips to lowest ranking in 13 years.

April

12 **Noon, Sir Gulam.** Misses Peerage.

Patel, Chai. Misses Peerage.

May

09 **Bachchan, Jaya.** SC dashes Jaya's hope.

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June
06 **Bachchan, Jaya.** SC no to stay on her bypoll.
29 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Slips out of top 20.
August
13 **Negi, Parimarjan.** Loses to Krasenkow.
September
02 **Ranjit Singh, Bhai.** Denied entry into Canada.
05 **Sreesanth, Shantakumaran.** His exclusion defies logic.
October
04 **Tharoor, Shashi.** Loses race to S. Korean for UN job.
06 **Tharoor, Shashi.** His withdrawal failure of UPA: BJP.
November
19 **Beniwal, Preeti.** Preeti loses opening bout.
December
18 **Soundarajan, Santhi.** Fails gender test.

HONOUR DECLINED

January
15 **Roy, Arundhati.** Refuses award.

HOUSE RAIDED. SEARCHED

April
14 **Sidhu, K.B.S.** CBI raids his houses .
May
07 **Chautala, Ajay.** His house raided, car seized.
December
24 **Rode, Jasbir Singh (Bhai).** His house raided, four picked up.

HURT. INJURED

February
19 **Thakur, Viplove.** HPCC chief hurt in accident.
March
12 **Srivastava, Sanajana.** Actress-model shot at.
April
05 **Rakesh Kumar.** Admitted to Munich hospital.
10 **Abraham, John.** Is hurt in mishap.
18 **Hazarika, Bhupen.** Suffers stroke.
23 **Mahajan, Promod.** Shot at.
25 **Mahajan, Promod.** On dialysis, remains critical.
30 **Suryanarayanan, K.** Taliban abduct him in Afghanistan.
June
03 **Mahajan, Rahul.** On life support.
15 **Gogoi, Tarun.** Admitted to AIIMS.
August
23 **Sandeep Singh.** His injury a big blow for India.
Sandeep Singh. Hurt as pistol goes off accidentally in Shatabdi.
September
13 **Amarinder Singh (Capt).** Narrow escape for him in helicopter accident.

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October
06 **Ranaut, Kangana.** Hurt in acid attack.
10 **Wadali, Puran Chand.** Hurt in mishap.
28 **Agarkar, Ajit.** Injured Agarkar ruled out.
29 **Yuvraj Singh.** Injured, to miss today's tie.
November
06 **Jeev Milkha Singh.** Injured wrist costs him the title.
December
25 **Renu Singh.** Hockey player attempts suicide.
31 **Munde, Gopinath.** Munde hurt in road mishap.

INSULTED. HUMILATED. ATTACKED

January
22 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Ganguly insulted, says Kapil.
March
04 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Peeved Ganguly writes to Pawar.
June
13 **Surinder Arjun.** 'Manhandled'.
14 **Surinder Arjun.** Seeks protection.
15 **Bhatt, Mahesh.** Firing at his office.
July
07 **Dwivedi, Janardhan.** His effigy burnt.
August
12 **Natwar Singh, K.** Not allowed to speak in RS.
October
08 **Sengar, Kuldip.** Mayawati gets even with 'disloyal' MLA.
09 **Gaekwad, Anshuman.** Gaekwad slams Chappell.
29 **Malik, Mohammad Yaseen.** Attacked.
November
08 **Pawar, Sharad.** I was not insulted: Pawar.
16 **Samuel, A.M.** Priest thrashed.
17 **Kaif, Katrina.** Dargah notice for Katrina.
Samuel, A.M. Attack most foul.
24 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Sainiks barge into his conference.
December
09 **Antil, Seema.** Exonerated, but refuses to compete.
23 **Nalini Singh.** Slapped in Nepal.

JUSTIFIES. ADVISES

January
06 **Farooq, Umer, Mirwaiz.** He is for global guarantee on Kashmir.
07 **Advani, Lal Krishna.** Expresses no regrets on remark on Jinnah.
24 **Deve Gowda, H.D.** Gowda takes U-turn, backs son.
Gandhi, Rahul. Wants larger role for young leaders.
26 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Advises the leadership to be role models for youth.
February
06 **Sabharwal, Y.K. (Chief Justice).** CJI for uniform system for judges' recruitment.
10 **Kakodkar, Anil.** Atomic reactors plan: top scientists back AEC chief.
16 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Sachin past his prime: Woolmer.

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18 **Malik, Mohammad Yaseen.** Favours including ultras in talks.
21 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Takes up Mittal issue with Chirac.
23 **Amrit Singh.** Fights for Iraqi prisoners.
24 **Virk, S.S.** KPS Gill writes to CM, defends DGP Virk.

March

03 **Khan, Saif Ali.** To endorse Chevrolet Avero.
04 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Sabarmati coach fire accidental, says Banerjee.
12 **Hooda, Bhupinder Singh.** Seeks separate High Court for Haryana.
19 **Acharya, Damodar (Prof).** Advises to transform higher education.
Josh, Harcharan Singh. Sikhs part of Hindus: Josh.
Sarabjit Singh. Pardon Sarabjit, says AIMF.
21 **Sheikh, Zahira.** Moves SC to reduce punishment.
22 **Josh, Harcharan Singh.** His *volte face* on definition of Sikhs.
27 **Patkar, Medha.** Seeks rehabilitation of displaced.
29 **Vijay Kumar.** His father wants him to win Olympic gold.

April

01 **Dhoni, Mahendra Singh.** Dravid salutes young guns.
04 **Patkar, Medha.** Soz urges Patkar to call off fast.
05 **Sindhu Joy.** Free Kerala SFI chief, demands association.
06 **Asghar Nabi, Diwan.** Refuses out-of-court settlement.
09 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Pawar to decide Dalmiya's fate.
11 **Soz, Saifuddin (Prof).** Soz submits report on Sardar Sarovar visit.
12 **Kaif, Mohammad.** Drop Kaif: Kapil.
Sarabjit Singh. 56 bodies seek clemency for Sarabjit.
Sehwag, Virender. Drop Sehwag: Kapil.
13 **Malik, Mohammad Yaseen.** Calls for poll boycott.
Sarabjit Singh. Kalam assures all help to Sarabjit, claim kin.
Tirkey, Dilip. I am fit to play: Tirkey.
14 **Kaif, Mohammad.** Time running out for Kaif.
15 **Kaif, Mohammad.** Gets Dravid's backing.
Sehwag, Virender. Gets Dravid's backing.
16 **Khan, Aamir.** Protests against him.
Nataraj, R. EC wants Chennai Police Commissioner replaced.
18 **Modi, Narendra.** Breaks fast.
Murmu, Salkhan. Adivasi leader begins fast.
Patkar, Medha. Ends fast.
21 **Karan Singh (Dr).** Returns from Nepal with hope.
27 **Sibal, Kapil.** Says no to quota hike in colleges.
29 **Gavaskar, Sunil.** BCCI puts its weight behind Gavaskar.

May

03 **Arjun Singh.** Fights battle against RSS in court.
Kohli, Sumit (Capt). Family contests Army version.
28 **Kapoor, Anil.** Anil Kapoor, condemns 'Fanaa's ban.
29 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** To endorse ADAG.
31 **Khan, Aamir.** Hrithik backs him, flays Modi.
Roshan, Hrithik. Backs Aamir, flays Modi.

June

17 **Amar Singh.** OoP case: Says he broke no rules.
30 **Chawla, Navin.** Chawla defends family trusts' role.

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July
01 **Gopalaswami, N.** Individuals' credibility affects EC's working: Gopalaswami.
25 **Chawla, Navin.** Govt backs Kalam's decision on Chawla.
August
02 **Jagmohan Singh (Dr).** Parmar varsity VC defends recent appointments.
03 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Wright favours Sourav's return.
08 **Natwar Singh, K.** Letter crucial evidence against Natwar: Pathak.
14 **Hassan, Ghulam (Sheikh).** For peace talks.
17 **Advani, Lal Krishna.** Features in RSS film on Hindutva.
20 **Hazare, Anna.** Calls off fast over RTI Act.
28 **Sinha, S.K. (Lieut-Gen-retd).** Not in favour of self-rule in J&K.
31 **Karat, Prakash.** Seeks amendment for EC reforms.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Gives report on power of pardon.
September
17 **Jagjit Singh, Chaudhary.** No need for him to quit: CM.
Sen, Amartya (Prof). Joins fight for gays' rights.
Seth, Vikram. Joins fight for gays' rights.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Joins fight for gays' rights.
October
05 **Bhullar, Davinder Pal Singh.** SAD seeks clemency for him.
10 **Pillay, Dhanraj.** I have lot of hockey left in me: Pillay.
20 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Leads march for Afzal's release.
November
01 **Abdullah, Farooq (Dr).** AG declines contempt petition against him.
Azad, Ghulam Nabi. Says he did not seek clemency for Afzal.
07 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** Govt wants cases against Thind withdrawn.
15 **Mukherjee, Pranab.** Arunachal Pradesh ours, says Pranab.
17 **Sachar, Rajinder (Justice).** Submits Sachar report.
19 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Extends olive branch to Chappell.
28 **Pawar, Sharad.** Springs to Gregs defence.
December
09 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Buddha invites her for talks.
14 **Verma, L.R. (Dr).** No undue favour to VC, says HPU Registrar.
Yuvraj Singh. Yuvraj, mother feel sorry for fracas.
17 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Suggests alternative to Singur land.
20 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Refuses to quit CAB.
21 **Verma, L.R. (Dr).** Paper leak: NSUI defends him.
22 **Sudarshan, K.S.** RSS doors open to Muslims: Sudarshan.

KILLED

January
01 **Thangthuam, Tungkut.** Manipur IG killed in ambush.
28 **Mida, Krishan Kumar.** 'Harassed' journalist attempts self-immolation.
31 **Sharma, Rajinder Kumar.** Former PTU clerk ends life.
February
10 **Randhawa, Kuljeet.** TV star hangs herself to death.
16 **Jagannathan, Sudheer Nonia.** Beaten to death over cartoon row in UAE.
17 **Jain, Reema.** Was tortured before death.
19 **Ramnarayan Das, Sadhu.** Main accused in Ayodhya case killed.

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March

08 **Shyam Sundar, P. (Major).** Martyr cremated.
15 **Chahal, Sonu.** Boxer commits suicide.
19 **Arora, Narinder.** Shot dead in Kaithal.
Lakha Singh (Lieut). Cremated with state honours.

April

04 **Satyender.** Judo champion found murdered.
07 **Satyender.** Judoka was murdered by fellow players.
11 **Satyender.** Judokas murder: accused surrender.
20 **Firdaus.** Murder accused gunned down.
21 **Anjani Kumar.** Stabbed.
24 **Nischol, Navin.** His wife commits suicide.
26 **Ashok Singh.** Gunned down.

May

01 **Suryanarayanan, K.** Taliban behead him before deadline.
03 **Ansari, Shakrullah.** Hanged in Kuwait.
04 **Mahajan, Promod.** Dead after 12-day battle for life.
10 **Zubair, Mohammad.** Key suspect in Varanasi blast shot in Kashmir.
15 **Suryanarayanan, K.** Indian engineer killed on Pakistan's order: Taliban.
27 **Sadhu, Rakesh.** Notorious criminal Sadhu shot dead.
31 **Thakur, Hitender.** Mandi in shock over murder.

June

04 **Moitra, Bibek.** He was poisoned, says Munde.
06 **Bhamjee, Sadera.** Murdered in South Africa.
17 **Chakraborthy, Susmita.** Shoots herself.

July

01 **Chauhan, V.R. (Lt-Col).** Dies in Kashmir encounter.
07 **Adhikary, Bhaskar.** 'Negligence' causes his death.
19 **Sathyan, V.P.** Ex-footballer Sathyan commits suicide.

August

03 **Iqbal Singh.** Stabbed in USA.
10 **Gujjar, Salim.** Dacoit Gujjar, lover shot.

September

15 **Balwant Singh.** Murdered in USA.
Harsh Kumar (Major). Shot dead by a naik.
17 **Ramdhari Singh.** RJD leader killed.
30 **Singh, Nitesh Kumar.** Protests in Russia over his killing.

October

02 **Sharma, Devender Kumar.** IMA cadet commits suicide.
07 **Sudarshan.** Maoist leader dies in encounter.
09 **Sahota, Phumman Ram.** Dies in road accident.
14 **Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh.** Sabharwal's death: chargesheet against ABVP men.
23 **Verma, Kishorilal.** BJP MLA slain in Madhya Pradesh.
24 **Jaswinder Singh.** DIG shot in Orissa.
25 **Jaswinder Singh.** Two PSOs held for his murder.
27 **Jaswinder Singh.** Probe begins into his killing.

November

11 **Obuleshu.** Top Maoist leader shot dead.

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December

01 **Jha, Pankaj (Lieut-Col).** Lieut-Col posted in J&K kills himself.
18 **Khiamniungan, L. Palang.** Naga leader shot dead.
19 **Mallick, Tapasi.** Death of girl at Singur; Mamata calls for bandh.
24 **Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col).** Killed in Baramulla encounter.
25 **Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col).** Was extremely popular among jawans.'
26 **Sarna, Gurbir Singh (Col).** Cremated with honours.

MARRIED

January

26 **Tirkey, Dilip.** To wed next month.

July

29 **Udit Narayan.** Accepts Ranjana as wife.

August

30 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Ties the knot.

MEETINGS. NEGOTIATIONS

January

11 **Lone, Sajjad Gani.** Invited for talks with PM.
15 **Lone, Sajjad Gani.** Meets PM.
31 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Leaves on 3-nation tour today.

February

14 **Malik, Mohammad Yaseen.** PM invites him for talks.
24 **Omar Abdullah.** To visit Pakistan.
25 **Mehta, Goverdhan (Prof).** USA gives visa to him.

March

24 **Singh, J.J. (Gen).** Leaves for Melbourne.
28 **Atwal, Charanjit Singh.** To attend SAARC Speakers' meeting.
Dravid, Rahul. Walks out of press conference.

May

06 **Atwal, Charanjit Singh.** Leads delegation to Nairobi.
11 **Pitroda, Sam.** Meets PM amid rift on OBC quota.

June

07 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Receives Koirala at airport.
22 **Narayanan, M.K.** To visit China.

August

11 **Kohli, Neeraj.** To attend Spain Astronautical Congress.
31 **Mukherjee, Pranab.** To attend UN assembly.

September

14 **Chavan, Prithviraj.** Attends SCO meet in Dushanbe.

October

09 **Yechury, Sitaram.** To lead CPM team to China.
18 **Mukherjee, Shiv Shanker.** Meets Manmohan for briefing him on Nepal.

December

22 **Muivah, Thuingaleng.** Naga rebel leader arrives in India.

NON-BAILABLE WARRANTS ISSUED

January

25 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Arrest warrant against him.

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February
19 **Nayak, Daya.** Declared absconder.
March
23 **Lall, Jessica.** Bailable warrants against Manu.
April
07 **Bhutia, Baichung.** Arrest warrant against him.
May
13 **Shankaran, Ravi.** Interpol notice on kin of Navy chief.
June
05 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** Warrants issued against ADGP.
09 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** Warrants against ADGP Thind returned.
10 **Chanchal, Narendar.** Arrest warrants against him.
29 **Udit Narayan.** Panel to issue warrant against him.
August
18 **Hooda, Bhupinder Singh.** Arrest warrant against him.
September
05 **Ramani, Bina.** Non-bailable warrants against her.
12 **Yadav, Sadhu.** NBW issued against him.
November
12 **Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiyya.** Warrants against 'Raja Bhaiyya'.

PARTY QUITTED. PARTY JOINED

January
21 **Kumaraswamy, H.D.** Rules out returning to Cong fold.
March
05 **Vaiko.** Ditches Karunanidhi, aligns with Jaya.
06 **Mukherjee, Pranab.** Floats new front ahead of Bengal poll.
20 **Thackeray, Raj.** Kicks off new party.
April
18 **Sarathkumar, R.** Joins AIADMK.
24 **Babbar, Raj.** Jan Morcha is set up by him.
May
18 **Hooda, Krishan Moorti.** Joins BJP.
Nripender Singh. Joins BJP.
July
29 **Kashani, Nazir Ahmed.** Expels 13 Geelani men.
August
10 **Jayaprakash Narayan, N. (Dr).** Floats party.
12 **Lalpura, Prem Singh.** Joins Congress.
September
01 **Saifdipur, Balwinder Singh.** Joins SAD.
04 **Siddaramaiah.** Inducted into Congress.
19 **Sumitra Singh.** Bansi Lal's daughter joins NCP.
October
09 **Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh.** Joins SAD.
13 **Lone, Shoaib.** Joins Cong Seva Dal.
17 **Chaudhary, Kamal.** Joins SAD.
23 **Malik, Vipin.** Joins Jan Morcha.
26 **Yadav, Jai Prakash Narain.** BJP flays UPA for inducting him.

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31 **Rao, Poonam.** Pramod's daughter joins BJP.

November

13 **Srihari.** Telugu actor joins Cong.
28 **Paswan, Sanjay.** Deserts Laloo Yadav.

December

06 **Bajwa, Vikramjit Singh.** Asks for BJP ticket from Amritsar.
09 **Bajwa, Vikramjit Singh.** In race for Amritsar LS seat.
10 **Singla, Somesh.** Singla back in Congress.
16 **Dalbir Kaur.** Sarabjit's sister rejoins Cong.
27 **Khurana, Raj.** Joins BJP.

PASSED AWAY. DIED

January

02 **Virk, H.S.** Former Dy Director of IB dead.
03 **Gudiya.** Gudiya dead.
10 **Varghese, M.C.** Chief Editor M.C. Varghese dead.
11 **Pahwa, Inderjit Singh.** Avon group Chairman dead.
13 **Malik, Arjun Dass.** Dead.
Mehardin. Dead.
18 **Yadav, Ram Lakhan.** Dead.
19 **Sethi, Inder (Brig).** Brig Sethi dead.
26 **Grewal, O.P. (Dr).** English literature scholar dead.
29 **Malik, Sardar.** Dead.

February

10 **Nadira.** Passes away.
14 **Bhagwant Singh.** Kiranjit Katal Kand Action Committee leader dies.
20 **Anand, P.L. (Principal).** Is dead.
22 **Lachhman Singh.** Dead.
24 **Jain, V.M. (Justice).** Dead.

March

07 **Shankar, K.** Noted film director Shankar dead.
27 **Biswas, Anil.** Dead.
29 **Mohan Singh, Bhai.** Cremated.
30 **Bansi Lal.** Thousands bid adieu to him.

April

04 **Bala Ram.** INA veteran cremated with honours.
07 **Harbhajan Singh.** Editor of the Indian Observer dead.
13 **Rajkumar.** Actor Rajkumar dead.
14 **Harcharan Singh (Dr).** Playwright's death mourned.
Javed. Dead; friends ransack ICU, detained.
Rajkumar. Cremated amid chaos.
17 **Brijendra Singh, Raja.** Dead.
22 **Desai, Ramesh.** Dead.

May

06 **Naushad Ali.** Naushad dies at 86.
08 **Phool Man Singh Nirankari.** Dead.
17 **Soch, Narinder Singh (Dr).** Passes away.
21 **Burman, Ratan Chand.** Dabur patriarch passes away.
Kanan, D. Dead.

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26 **Jain, N.C. (Dr).** Dead.

June

12 **Sultanpuri, K.D.** Dead.
14 **Indravesh, Swami.** Dead.
16 **Surinder Kaur.** Punjab's Nightingale is no more.
24 **Kunderan, Budhisagar (Budhi) Krishnappa.** Dead.
26 **Nag Chowdhury, B.D.** N-scientist dead.

July

09 **Rao, Raja.** Writer Raja Rao dead.
12 **Mukherjee, Kajal.** Dead.
20 **Qureshi, Shabir.** Senior journalist dead.
27 **Sherpa, Nadre.** Mountaineer dead.
31 **Prabhu, K.N.** Dead.
Sajida, Begum. Dead.

August

01 **Sajida Begum.** She is laid to rest.
03 **Parab, Balaram.** Footballer dead.
04 **Sane, Hari Ganesh.** Sane dead.
06 **Singh, Pitambar.** Former NIS chief coach dead.
07 **Suraj Bhan.** Dead.
16 **Kanmadikar, Anant Wagesh.** Ex-BCCI secretary Kanmadikar dead.
20 **Radhey Shyam.** Ex-cager dead.
22 **Khan, Bismillah (Ustad).** He is no more.
26 **Mehra, Vijay.** Dead.
27 **Hazarika, Maya.** Sanjoy Hazarika bereaved.
28 **Mukherjee, Hrishikesh.** Dead.
29 **Sebastain, Thomas.** Sebastain dead.
31 **Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh.** Murder, murder.

September

05 **Chaudhary Ram.** Freedom fighter dead.
Sinha, Satyendra Narayan. Former Bihar CM Sinha dead.
06 **Appa Rao, M.S.** A politician with old world charm.
11 **Gurdev Singh.** Former Cong MLA is dead.
15 **Nagra, G.S. (Maj-Gen).** 1971 war hero General Nagra no more.
16 **Butail, Kunj Behari Lal.** Dead.
16 **Misra, Naresh Chandra (Dr).** Dead.
17 **Mahajan, Amar Nath.** Freedom fighter dead.
18 **Negi, Bal Krishan.** Journalist dead.
19 **Chatterjee, Sudip.** Dead.
22 **Leelaben.** Keshubhai's wife dies in fire.
26 **Padmini.** Dies at 74.
Sabharwal, Harbhajan Singh. DIG to monitor Prof Sabharwal case: SC.
29 **Bhandral, Vishal (Capt).** Cremated.

October

06 **Harsh Vardhan (Dr).** Dead.
10 **Kanshi Ram.** Cremated as per Buddhist rituals.
Kanshi Ram. Passes away.
11 **Suri, Lalit.** Hotelier Lalit Suri dead.
14 **Balraj Pandit.** Thespian Panditji is dead.

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16 **Amolak Singh.** Dies in sleep.
23 **Handa, J.K. (Prof).** Is dead.
Punj, Manoj. Noted film producer dead.
26 **Gyani, Mohini.** Dead.

November

08 **Polly Umrigar.** Is no more.
09 **Kulwant Singh alias Kanta.** Under trial in Prabir kidnap case dies.
10 **Arya, Hira Nand.** Ex-minister Arya dead.
12 **Gupta, Narayan alias Lakhan Bhaiya.** Chhota Rajan aide shot dead.
15 **Mishra, S.N.** Dead.
27 **Thathai, Kharaiti Lal.** Social worker dead.

December

03 **Bhatia, G.S. (Prof).** Punjabi writer 'Arif' dead.
08 **Luthar, I.S. (Prof).** Dead.
09 **Thakkar, Yangar.** Veteran scribe dead.
16 **Bhinder, Sukhbans Kaur.** Dead.
19 **Kohli, Sardara Singh.** Dead.

PUNISHED. FINED

January

01 **Katwal, Surender Mohan.** 3- year jail for him.
04 **Subramaniam, Swamy.** Swamy fined for charge against Jaya.
07 **Tejinder Pal Singh.** Appointment of his son quashed.
18 **Telgi, Abdul Karim.** Gets 10 years in fake stamp case.

February

08 **Dravid, Rahul.** India, Dravid fined.

March

01 **Bhatti, J.S.** His licence suspended.
10 **Sarabjit Singh.** Pak SC upholds death sentence to Sarbjit.
18 **Yadav, Bharti.** Her passport cancelled.

April

04 **More, Sunil.** Rapist cop gets 12 yrs.
08 **Gill, Jaswinder.** Divested of assets for fake marriages.
09 **Pujari, Shailaja.** Life ban slapped on her.
10 **Edwin Raju.** Life ban slapped on him.
Tejinder Singh. Life ban slapped on him.

May

16 **Dogra, Harish Kumar.** His diplomatic passport revoked.
18 **Nambiar, K.T.G. (Maj-Gen).** Maj-Gen found guilty of corruption.
24 **Kashyap, Subhash C.** BJP MPs quit on Kashyap issue.
24 **Kashyap, Subhash C.** Lok Sabha admonishes ex-Secy-Gen Kashyap.
28 **Sodhi Ram.** Syndicate nod for action against him.

June

09 **Sehwag, Virender.** Sehwag fined, Lara let off.
10 **Sheikh, Zahira.** Her properties attached.
20 **Birmi, Malkiat Singh.** Sacked.
21 **Kulbir Singh (Bira).** In Phillaur jail.
27 **Jah, Mukarram.** To pay $700,000 mehr to third wife.

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July

03 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Sikh clergy's edict on boycotting him.

19 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Accepts 'tankhah'.

August

03 **Jiji, U.K. (Lt).** Absent, loses seniority.

September

17 **Qureshi, Yakub.** Fined for ticketless travel.

October

01 **Pinki, Gurmeet Singh.** Convicted of murder.

04 **Shaikh, Niaz Ahmed.** '93 blasts: Niaz Shaikh found guilty.

05 **Vikramjit Singh.** Told to pay Rs 15 lakh.

18 **Venkata Reddy, Gowru.** SC rejects his plea on pardon.

27 **Avtar Singh.** Awarded 'tankha' at Punjabi varsity function.

29 **Thind, Bhupinder Singh.** In court custody till November 11.

31 **Chautala, Ajay.** Asked to pay customs duty on Toyota.

November

11 **Gowd, Vicharapu Ramakrishna.** Claim on Sridevi costs him Rs 1 lakh.
Sridevi. Claim on her costs Gowd Rs 1 lakh.

15 **Singh, K.D.** GCM: Siachen CO held guilty on 2 counts.

16 **Bhiwandiwalla, Mubina.** Found guilty.

17 **Shah, Mulchand.** Found guilty.

21 **Pathan, Ejaz.** Ex-Dawood aide found guilty.

30 **Madra, S.S. (Lieut-Col).** Lt-Col suffers loss of service.

December

04 **Javed Akhttar.** Withdraws case, HC slaps Rs 1 lakh on him.

20 **Sreesanth, Shantakumaran.** Fined for breaching ICC Code.

REINSTATED. GIVEN EXTENSION

March

07 **Tiwari, N.D.** To stay as CM: Congress.

22 **Sehwag, Virender.** Cleared to bat.

April

04 **Joshi, Sanjay.** Reinstated.

10 **Rahi, B.R.** School Board chief gets 2-yr extension.

May

31 **Chaturvedi, B.K.** Gets year's extension.

June

01 **Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr).** Hospital trust divided over his reinstatement.

20 **Khanna, Avinash Rai.** To stay BJP president.

July

08 **Ratra, Y.S.** Government extending Ratra's stint.
Venugopal, P. (Dr). His ouster stayed.

14 **Jagtar Singh.** SGPC restores kar seva to him.

26 **Venugopal, P. (Dr).** Govt offers to withdraw his sack order.

August

18 **Venugopal, P. (Dr).** Stay on order for his removal extended.

September

01 **Sharma, Radhey Shyam.** Term extended as Director of Haryana Sahitya Akad.

13 **Bajwa, Tript Rajinder Singh.** Gets extension as PPCB chief.

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October

13 **Babaehali, Gurbachan Singh.** To be back as chairman.

November

02 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Tenure of medical council chief extended.

10 **Talwar, K.K. (Dr).** Remains PGI chief.

24 **Bansal, Narendra Kumar (Prof).** Gets two-year extension.

December

12 **Barsat, Harchand Singh.** Back with CM; talks with teachers today.
Bhardwaj, S.P. (Dr). His suspension revoked.

REMOVED. SACKED. RELIEVED

January

04 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Debarred from bowling.

07 **Natwar Singh, K.** Not included in revamped CWC.

February

04 **Dhaliwal, U.S. (Dr).** Medical College Principal shown the door.
Gupta, Anjali. Dismissed from service.

19 **Kumaraswamy, H.D.** Gowda expels him from party.

24 **Ganguly, Sourav.** He is out of Nagpur Test.

March

03 **Shailaja, Pujari.** Dropped from C'wealth squad.

07 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Loses RS seat.

10 **Nayeemuddin, Syed.** Nayeemuddin sacked.

14 **Hussain, Tassadaq.** His election held void.

15 **Prameela Valli, B.** Out of C' wealth Games.
Sukhmohinder Singh. Promotion to chargesheeted cop: SC quashes HC order.

18 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Disqualified from Rajya Sabha.

22 **Sakshi Maharaj.** Expelled from RS.

24 **Arasu, R.K.T.** Recalled as diplomat.
Deve Gowda, H.D. Leaders want him to quit as JD(S) chief.

April

04 **Virk, S.S.** No to plea on DGP Virk's appointment.

06 **Sodhi, P.S.** Sodhi removed as LAC, AG tells HC.

20 **Dogra, Harish Kumar.** Govt cracks whip against him, Ernst new envoy.

29 **Kanjhla, Gobind Singh.** His election held void.

June

11 **Pandey, Mata Prasad.** UP Speaker disqualifies him.

July

06 **Venugopal, P. (Dr).** Removed.

08 **Calcutta, Manjit Singh.** SAD expels him for 6 years.

30 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Wright wanted Ganguly sacked.

August

06 **Kaul, Deepak.** Pak expels him.

10 **Rajbir Kaur.** Erring woman judo coach shifted.

27 **Natwar Singh, K.** Dropped from Cong editorial board.

September

01 **Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain.** Mehbooba wants him changed.

06 **Jagat Singh.** Expelled from Congress.

09 **Dua, Amarjit Singh.** Sacked as GNDU Dean.

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14 **Ashwini Kumar.** HC removes him as Director (Prosecution).

October

05 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Zaheer in, Ganguly out.
08 **Ahluwalia, S.K.** Alhuwalia transferred for indulging in politics.
10 **Baghel, Shambhu Dayal.** Removed as MP unit chief.
20 **Sardesai, Rajdeep.** CNN-IBN chief to appear before House.
29 **Walia, S.S. (Dr).** Removed as Medical College Principal.
30 **Raina, Deepak (Col).** Dismissed for leaking information.

November

01 **Thomas, P.C.** His election declared void.
03 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Airtel drops Sachin.
05 **Gagan Ajit Singh.** Dropped.
08 **Chander Mohan.** Dropped from jaunt to China.
11 **Mehta, Rajinder Singh.** Removed as patron of SSF.
12 **Brar, Harbhajan Singh.** Removed as President of Sai Mian Mir Foundation.
26 **Shampura, Gurwinder Singh.** Removed from SAD.
29 **Soren, Shibu.** PM tells Soren to go.
30 **Khushwant Pal Singh.** Retired for misconduct.

December

17 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** BCCI chucks him out.
19 **Mohanty, M.K.** Rioting: Jail D-G shifted.
23 **Deve Gowda, H.D.** Mohan replaces Gowda as JD(S) chief.
26 **Pathan, Irfan.** Sent back home.
30 **Vaiko.** MDMK splits, Vaiko expelled.

RESIGNED. QUIT

January

01 **Advani, Lal Krishna.** Quits as BJP President.
10 **Surinder Arjun.** Quits PPCC post.
13 **Chatha, H.S.** Resigns as Haryana Speaker .
28 **Buta Singh.** Kalam accepts his resignation.

February

19 **Kalmadi, Suresh.** Quits as AFI president.

March

05 **Tiwari, N.D.** Quits as CM of Uttaranchal.
21 **Kurien, V. (Dr).** Quits Amul Board.
22 **Narend Singh.** Quits over sex scandal.
24 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Quits Lok Sabha.
25 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Sonia's resignation publicity stunt: BJP.
Subbu, B.V.R. Subbu bids adieu to Hyundai.
Vatsayan, Kapila. Quits Rajya Sabha.
26 **Ambani, Anil.** Resigns from Rajya Sabha.
30 **Khan, Aslam Sher.** Quits IHF selection committee.

April

06 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Quits as Jallianwala Trust chief.
08 **Bhagyaraj, K.** Deserts AIADMK.
11 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Quits all posts of "profit".
27 **Ramesh Chandra (Prof).** His resignation accepted.

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May

07 **Sethi, R.P. (Justice).** Resigns as SAC Chairman.
19 **Marandi, Babulal.** Resigns BJP and Lok Sabha membership.
23 **Beteille, Andre.** Quits PM's knowledge panel.
Mehta, Pratap Bhanu. Quits PM's knowledge panel.
25 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Quits as film development body chief.

June

10 **Sridhar, Anup.** Bows out.
11 **Narayana Murthy, N.R.** To step down.
25 **Jalota, Sohan Lal.** Quits Congress.

July

02 **Bhajan Lal.** Resigns as HPCC chief.
04 **Bhajan Lal.** His resignation accepted.

August

02 **Dogar, K.P.** HP varsity controller of exams resigning.
Mir, A.M. (Justice-retd). Resigns as Panel Chairman.
16 **Kidwai, Naina Lal.** May quit as Director in Nestle SA.
17 **Birla, Kumar Mangalam.** Quits Tata Steel, Maruti Board.
23 **Chandrashekhar Rao, K.** Resigns on Telengana.
Narendra, A. Resigns on Telengana.

September

01 **Harbeant Singh.** Satlani Gurdwara receiver resigns.
Sood, Suman. Withdraws from practice.
02 **Jayaprakash Narayan, N. (Dr).** Quits as NAC member.
03 **Beigh, Muzaffar Hussain.** Quits as J&K Deputy CM.
05 **Joseph, P.J.** Quits as Kerala minister.
07 **Karan Singh.** Quits panel in protest.
12 **Sikri, Rajiv.** Quits in protest.
Tarsem Singh. Resigns as DSGMC panel chief.
13 **Chandrashekhar Rao, K.** Resigns as MP.
Narayen, Sanjay. Quits service after being superceded.
15 **Munda, Arjun.** Munda skips test, quits.
Namdhari, Inder Singh. Resigns as Speaker.
16 **Giri, Deependra.** Quits as member of Amarnath Shrine Board.
17 **Giri, Deependra.** His resignation face-saving exercise: Board CEO.
22 **Parmjit Singh Pammi.** Cong leader quits as bank Chairman.
27 **Rangachari, T.C.A.** Puts in his papers.
Sikri, Veena. Puts in her papers.
30 **Bhanwar, Harbir Singh.** Quits DSGMC.

October

01 **Lodhinangal, Lakhbir Singh.** Quits as Batala Trust chief.
07 **Sharma, Venod.** Quits as Haryana Minister.
08 **Sharma, Venod.** Kidwai accepts his resignation.

November

12 **Debroy, Bibek.** Quits PHDCCI.

December

01 **Barsat, Harchand Singh.** Quits as PS to CM.
26 **Patwalia, Paramjit Singh (Justice).** Youngest HC Judge resigns.
27 **Babulal.** Quits as UP minister.

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28 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Resigns from CAB.
29 **Barsat, Harchand Singh.** Resigns from Cong.

RETIRED

January
03 **Nandrajog, Kiran.** Farewell to AWWA chief.
February
04 **Mooshahary, R.S.** VRS of BSF chief cleared.
06 **Hirwani, Narendra.** Retires.
March
05 **Rao, K.J.** EC pointsman Rao calls it a day.
April
11 **Sood, K.C. (Justice).** Retires.
29 **Chaudhary, Meenaxi Anand.** No extension for her.
May
26 **Raha, Subir.** Retires as ONGC chief.
June
07 **Raha, Subir.** Non-extension to him annoys PSU top brass.
August
21 **Narayana Murthy, N.R.** Retires from Infosys.
23 **Dutt, Amar (Justice).** HC Judge Amar Dutt retires.
November
04 **Qureshi, Shakeel Ahmed.** Hockey umpire Qureshi retires.
December
01 **Lal, P.** Retires.
16 **Dahiya, Vijay.** Retires from cricket.

SENTENCED

January
25 **Halder, Biswanath.** Life term for him in shooting case.
February
18 **Khan, Salman.** Sentenced to one year imprisonment.
March
03 **Madan, Arun.** Gets 3-yr jail in forgery case.
09 **Sheikh, Zahira.** 1-year jail for her in Best Bakery case.
11 **Khan, Salman.** His sentence stayed.
April
06 **Baljinder Singh.** 7-yr RI in dowry case.
11 **Khan, Salman.** Gets 5 yrs for poaching.
12 **Ilyas Ali.** Jailed in USA.
13 **Mohanty, B.H.** DGPs son gets 7 yrs for German girl's rape.
May
06 **Goyal, R.D.** Cong leader jailed for cheating.
13 **Mahto, Bir Singh.** MP gets 10-yr jail for rape.
14 **Naik, Surupsingh.** Indicted ex-minister sent to jail.
July
04 **Shrivastava, Babloo.** Life imprisonment for him.
21 **Iqbal Singh, Brig.** Gets jail in Tehelka case.

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August
02 **Kathunangal, Sawinder Singh.** Awarded three-year sentence.
06 **Yadav, Devnath.** MLA gets life term.
September
17 **Johri, Anurag.** Gets life term for murdering wife.
22 **Gur Iqbal Singh (Maj-Gen).** Gets 3 yrs imprisonment in liquor scam.
30 **Bedi, Monica.** Gets 5 years in jail.
October
18 **Gurmeet Singh alias Pinki.** Life term for him.
Singh, Santosh Kumar. HC convicts him in Mattoo murder case.
20 **Imrana.** His Father-in-law gets 10-yr jail for raping her.
Mohammad Ali. Gets 10-yr jail for raping Imrana.
31 **Singh, Santosh Kumar.** Mattoo killer to be hanged.
November
04 **Sanjay Kumar.** Computer Associate ex-CEO sentenced.
07 **Parab, Anil Ramachandra.** Life term for Dawood gang sharp shooter.
December
06 **Soren, Shibu.** Gets life term.
12 **Kathunangal, Sawinder Singh.** His sentence upheld, quits as MLA and PFAC chief.
21 **Sharma, Manu.** Life term for Manu.
22 **Jain, Sharda.** Convicted of murder.
Verma, Abhi. Death for killers of schoolboy.
23 **Jain, Sharda.** Life sentence for her.

SURRENDERED

January
11 **Khan, Saif Ali.** Appears before Customs Department.
February
21 **Nayak, Daya.** Surrenders.
June
04 **Zaroo, Sahil.** Surrenders in Srinagar.
08 **Padhi, K.S.** Sex racket: BSF DIG surrenders, remanded.
22 **Sethi, Anil.** J&K ex-Advocate-Gen surrenders.
October
17 **Gurmeet Singh alias Pinki.** Surrenders.
19 **Venkata Reddy, Gowru.** Reddy surrenders.
November
05 **Madhu, Tech.** Maoist rocket-maker surrenders.
22 **Mogya, Jugraj.** Poacher surrenders.
December
05 **Yadav, Sadhu.** Surrenders.

SUSPENDED

January
17 **Bakshish Singh, Bhai.** Suspended as Harmandar Sahib raagi.
February
08 **Babbar, Raj.** Suspended from SP Parliamentary Board.
09 **Babbar, Raj.** SP suspends Babbar from primary membership.

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17 **Dhonchak, M.M.** Narnaul CJM suspended.
24 **Tapishar Sher Singh.** Canadian Sikh lawyer suspended.

March

02 **Shailaja, Pujari.** IWF slaps provisional suspension on her.
20 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** BJP suspends him.

April

11 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** BCCI suspends him.

August

04 **Shariq, Shariefuddin.** Speaker suspends NC member.
09 **Natwar Singh, K.** Congress suspends Natwar.
19 **Jagat Singh.** Suspended from Cong.
24 **Jagat Singh.** Rajasthan Cong approves his suspension.

September

18 **Habibur Rahman Khairabadi.** Suspended for issuing fatwa for money.
Khairabadi, Habibur Rahman. Suspended for issuing fatwa for money.

October

07 **Pandey, Sunil.** Suspended JD(U) MLA surrenders.
29 **Bhardwaj, S.P. (Dr).** Suspended.

November

17 **Dalal, J.S. (Dr).** Medical College Principal suspended.

SWORN IN

January

15 **Chaudhary, Kiran.** Joins Hooda Ministry of Haryana.
Jindal, Savitri. Joins Hooda Ministry of Haryana.
Meena Rani. Hooda inducts her in Ministry.
16 **Sud, N.K. (Justice).** Haryana Lokayukta, to take oath today.
23 **Bali, Vinod Kumar (Justice).** Sworn in as Kerala CJ.
30 **Deora, Murli.** Joins Union Cabinet.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Joins Union Cabinet.
Soni, Ambika. Joins Union Cabinet.

February

04 **Kumaraswamy, H.D.** Takes oath as CM.
Panta, Lokeshwar Singh (Justice). Justice Panta sworn in as SC Judge.
11 **Gill, Jai Singh.** Sworn in as Chairman, PSERC.

March

02 **Rana, P.S.** Info chief takes oath.

April

05 **Shinde, Sushil Kumar.** Takes oath as RS member.
Swaraj, Sushma. Takes oath as RS member.
10 **Jain, D.K. (Chief Justice).** To be sworn in as SC Judge.

May

01 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Takes oath as J&K CM.
10 **Sinha, S.K.** New PPSC chief takes oath.
15 **Gogoi, Tarun.** Sworn in Assam Chief Minister.

June

30 **Gopalaswami, N.** Takes over as CEC.

August

24 **Satyananad, Anand.** Sworn in NZ Governor-General.

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October
06 **Bhupender Singh, Thakur.** Sworn in HPPSC chief.
07 **Dutt, Amar (Justice).** Sworn in as Chief Vigilance Commissioner.
November
16 **Ravinder Kaur.** Sworn in as PPSC member.
28 **Sood, D.D.** Sworn in as H.P. HC judge.
Thakur, S.S. Sworn in as H.P. HC judge.

MISCELLANEOUS

January
09 **Dungarpur, Raj Singh.** Pawar backs Dungarpur.
19 **Kumaraswamy, H.D.** Stakes claim to form govt in Karnataka.
Yadav, Mulayam Singh. Vacates official bungalow.
21 **Rajnath Singh.** Signals Hindutva agenda.
February
11 **Sarna, Paramjit Singh.** Sarna brothers freed from boycott diktat.
18 **Hawara, Jagtar Singh.** Fails to appear in court.
20 **Sukhi, Sukhwinder Singh.** DGP fears threat to Sukhi's life.
23 **Sukhi, Sukhwinder Singh.** Dullo flays DGP on Sukhi issue.
24 **Kinkri Devi.** Gets help from USA.
25 **Lall, Jessica.** HC seeks report from Delhi Police.
27 **Beant Kaur.** Donates ancestral house to village.
March
02 **Abu Salem.** Gave AK-56 rifles to Dutt, he admits.
Rabri Devi. Shows shoe to MLA.
07 **Lall, Jessica.** Jessica murder: fresh case registered.
Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col). Protection to Tehelka prosecutor ordered.
12 **Sitanshu, Sanjay (Lt-Col).** Petition of Tehelka prosecutor dismissed.
14 **Lall, Jessica.** Delhi Police files appeal in HC.
18 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** HC vacates stay, asks Dalmiya to reply.
20 **Madaan, Amrit Lal (Prof).** English teacher who is a Hindi writer.
23 **Ajit Singh, Sant.** Consents conditionally to head confederation.
Dua, Lalit. Sebi bar on his recommendations.
Rathore, S.P.S. His trial shifted to Patiala.
26 **Guha, Subhra.** Reflecting nuances of Agra tradition.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Leaves for London.
30 **Ramani, Bina.** HC refuses her permission to go abroad.
31 **Rawat, Sunny.** Confesses to killing Meher.
April
01 **Vaiko.** Not to contest poll.
02 **Sarabjit Singh.** Sends mercy petition to Musharraf.
05 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Starts poll campaign.
06 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** No NC nominee against him.
Gupta, Dinesh. To perform in Mumbai.
07 **Sarabjit Singh.** Conversion will not help him, says Pak Law Minister.
10 **Deepak Singh Jagannath Singh (Deepu).** Salem's hit man escapes from UP jail.
12 **Bansi Lal.** His house locked over family squabbles.
15 **Rakesh Kumar.** Booked MEA man arrives.
15 **Thakur, Nandlal.** Minsiter's kin gets transfer stalled.

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18 **Kapur, Neha.** To launch NIFD's global look.
24 **Goni, Aslam.** Grenade attack on former Advocate-Gen's house.
Jha, Prakash. Offers to build Bihar roads.
28 **Mukesh Kumar.** To sell house for hockey academy.
29 **Jagir Kaur, Bibi.** Expedite Bibi's case, SC tells HC.

May

02 **Bedi, Monica.** Moves SC for bail.
05 **Chandhok, Karun.** To race in Formula Asia.
Patkar, Medha. Approaches NHRC.
06 **Ramdev, Swami.** Fears threat to life.
08 **Priyanka.** Allowed to stay in Rae Bareli.
10 **Dogra, Sunita.** Allowed a "scribe" for UPSC exam.
11 **Das, Kamala.** Donates property.
Ramdev, Swami. Special security for him.
12 **Azad, Desh Prem.** To launch cricket academy.
Gandhi, Sonia. A vindication for Sonia.
19 **Khan, Feroze.** Barred from entering Pak
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. Launches Arcelor bid.
26 **Jagtar Singh, Baba.** Installs palanquin at Darbar Sahib.
Khan, Aamir. Says he will not apologise.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Loses gun.
28 **Kirpal Singh (Prof).** Donate rare manuscripts for posterity.
Singh, T.P. Documentary on Maharaja Ranjit Singh.
29 **Yadav, Vikas.** Admits to murdering Nitish.
30 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Appears at BJP meeting.

June

06 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Files papers for RS seat.
07 **Sukh Ram.** His appeal rejected.
08 **Yadav, Mulayam Singh.** SC seeks tax details from Mulyam family.
22 **Tharoor, Shashi.** Meets Kalam, Vajpayee.
24 **Akhtar, Javed.** Pakistan denies visa to him.
25 **Akhtar, Javed.** Will go to Pakistan only on Pervez's invite.
Kulbir Singh (Bira). SAD(A) activists back him.
26 **Singh, V.P.** Finds virtues in Sonia.
27 **Rizvi, Nazim.** Film maker Rizvi returns to jail — for shooting.
30 **Singh, V.P.** Sticks to his version.

July

04 **Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed).** Boycotts Jamait poll.
05 **Venugopal, P. (Dr).** Staff, students express solidarity with him.
07 **Ajnala, Rattan Singh.** SC stays trial in a case against him.
Saini, Sumedh Singh. Complaint against IGs Saini baseless: VB.
10 **Manmohan Singh (Dr).** Pranab persuaded him to continue as Prime Minister.
Sogi, Bachan Singh. Canada confirms deportation of Sogi.
16 **Yadav, Mulayam Singh.** Backtracks on SIMI statement.
19 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Cleared for Lanka tri-series.
21 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** CPM divided over Dalmiya's participation.
22 **Mahajan, Rahul.** Files caveat.
24 **Prince.** Rescued, safe.
26 **Jaswant Singh.** Refuses to name mole.

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27 **Malik, Ripudaman Singh.** Can join Kanishka probe.
29 **Mattoo, Priyadarshini.** HC puts her case on fast track.

August

05 **Pathak, R.S. (Justice).** Rejects leakage from his office.
07 **Gandhi, Rahul.** To launch Cong campaign in UP.
08 **Kaul, Deepak.** Returns home before deadline.
10 **Hazare, Anna.** On indefinite fast.
11 **Hazare, Anna.** Writes to Sonia.
Natwar Singh, K. Natwar relents, wants to meet PM.
22 **Yadav, Lalu Prasad.** SC reprieve for Lalu.
24 **Chandrashekhar Rao, K.** Begins indefinite fast.
26 **Prabhunath Singh.** His resignation rejected.
31 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** Says no conflict with FM.
Vaiko. No military help to Lanka, Vaiko told.

September

02 **Sehgal, Andaleeb.** Andaleeb moves SC for stay of probe.
03 **Harbhajan Singh.** To join anti-drug campaign.
04 **Sharma, Yamini.** She says yes to acting.
07 **Makkar, Avtar Singh.** Volte-face by SGPC chief on Vande Mataram.
11 **Chaudhary, Kiran.** Mahapanchayat rules in favour of her .
15 **Pandove, M.P.** To contest BCCI poll again.
16 **Mahendra, Ranbir Singh.** Lawyers rally behind him.
Vidya Devi. Bansi Lal's widow files plea in High Court.
17 **Sandeep Singh.** Discharged from PGI.
19 **Tudu, Balram.** IIT admits ST boy after Arjun's intervention.
20 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Punjab Govt offers to shift his trial.
21 **Tahiliani, R.H. (Admiral-Retd).** SC stays warrants against him.
22 **Tata, Ratan.** Nitish's hard sell impresses him.
23 **Jindal, Sajjan.** To invest Rs 15,000 cr in Bengal.
Nitish Kumar. Bids for Tatas' Rs 1 lakh car project.
Ranjit Singh. Denied Cabinet status.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Called back after given out.
27 **Anand, Dev.** Turns 84.
Banerjee, Mamata. Mamata, TMC workers beaten up by cops.
Guru, Mohammad Afzal. Oct 20 fixed for his execution.
Manmohan Singh (Dr). Turns 74.

October

01 **Rupaiya Devi.** Seeks asylum in UK.
02 **Sajida Begum.** Her property row takes new turn.
03 **Sharma, Manu.** His 'confession' with police.
Sharma, Venod. Demand to drop him from Haryana Cabinet.
Singh, R.D. (Col). Donates blood for 64th time.
04 **Guru, Mohammad Afzal.** His wife files mercy petition.
05 **Sharma, Venod.** Gives legal notice to TV channel.
06 **Gill, Manohar Singh.** I've never used harsh words against PM: Gill.
07 **Dullo, Shamsher Singh.** Warns against clemency to Afzal.
Gandhi, Varun. BJP denies ticket to Varun.
Sharma, Venod. Pays price for son's mistake.
09 **Rushdie, Salman.** To join Emory Varsity faculty.

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10 **Nitya Nand, Swami.** Ex-Uttaranchal CM on "last rites, death".
11 **Kanshi Ram.** Brother alleges he was killed.
12 **Yadav, Bharti.** Seeks release of passport.
14 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Gujarat HC nullifies Banerjee Committee.
Virendra Mohan (Lt-Col). Molestation case: HC stays Army order.
16 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Kalam Celebrates 75th b'day with spastic kids.
19 **Khatri, Mukesh.** SAI bungled my samples, says Khatri.
20 **Modi, Narendra.** VHP prefers Modi to head BJP.
Thekedar, Jaswant Singh. Thekedar admits visiting India.
23 **Abu Salem.** Starts his campaign for UP Assembly poll.
28 **Gandhi, Rahul.** Rahul Gandhi shifted to HRD panel.
Nalini. Rajiv case convict seeks release.
29 **Sen, Amartya (Prof).** His theory 'inspired' SC ruling on quota.
30 **Lalji Baba.** Claimed to be Netaji before death.
31 **Mattoo, Priyadarshini.** Verdict in her case a 'benchmark': CBI.

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04 **Reddy, Y.V. (Dr).** Economy can withstand shocks: RBI Governor.
05 **Sidhu, Gurdev Singh (Dr).** Finds rare literature on Bhagat Singh.
06 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Asks Tatas to shift car project.
10 **Guru, Mohammad Afzal.** Files for clemency.
11 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Cosying up to Sonia.
Mukherjee, Pranab. To take on Left Parties.
Tendulkar, Sachin. To bat for ITC.
16 **Khanna, Avinash Rai.** In 'verbal duel' with Navjot.
Mufti Mohammad Sayeed. Harps on self-rule in J&K.
17 **Gujjar, Rohtash.** Honest labourer returns Rs 2 lakh jewellery.
19 **Parihar, Seema.** Bandit Queen II, goes political.
21 **Chunchun Kumari.** UNICEF poster girl works in a dhaba.
23 **George, Paul.** Indian longest serving prisoner.
27 **Swraj Paul, Lord.** Offers scholarships for Pak students.
29 **Dutt, Sanjay.** Not a terrorist, just gun-keeper.
30 **Chunchun Kumari.** Unicef poster girl to get free education.
Kumaraswamy, H.D. Pulled up for code breach.

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02 **Narayana Murthy, N.R.** Hails Wal-Mart-Bharti joint venture.
07 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Ganguly must back himself: Wessels.
10 **Goyal, Kritika.** Has three kidneys.
13 **Guru, Mohammad Afzal.** Early decision on him unlikely: Patil.
14 **Guru, Mohammad Afzal.** Moves SC.
Mittal, Lakshmi Niwas. To buy 50 pc in Kazakh oil firm.
Paes, Leander. End of the road of companianship with Bhupathi.
15 **Jakhar, Balram (Dr).** Not to return to active politics: Jakhar.
16 **Banerjee, Mamata.** VP fails to get her break fast.
18 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Her condition worsens as strike continues.
19 **Sandhu, Ajeetesh.** Selected, then discarded — IGU style.
21 **Banerjee, Mamata.** Puts off two-day strike.
23 **Bahel, Sanjay.** Admits to bribing UN official.
29 **Kalra, Ajmer Singh.** CPMT paper leak: Admits tutoring candidates.
30 **Pawar, Sharad.** To fight for ICC chief's post.

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